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## Sierra Club joins GGF cardroom dispute

By Mary Flaherty

A battle that was over before it began, the Sierra Club moved to support the Citizens for Responsible Government in a lawsuit against the City of Albany, but was denied permission by the Alameda Superior Court.

Sierra Club officers resolved to file an amicus brief — or legal brief in support of the lawsuit, which challenges the City of Albany and

Ladbroke Racing Inc. with violating state law by not doing an environmental review of the proposal for a cardroom at Golden Gate Fields before putting it on the ballot last November. However, the first step to filing an amicus brief is to get permission from the court, and that was denied Tuesday, July 11.

"I was a little surprised," said attorney James Pierce, representing the Sierra Club. "I think the court was concerned with interrupt-

ing the schedule of the Aug. 1 hearing," he added. Pierce, a Sierra Club member, was working pro bono on the case, along with Norman La Force, chair of the legal committee and past chair of the executive committee of the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club.

LaForce, the mayor of El Cerrito, has also contributed financially to the Citizens for Responsible Government.

"We're disappointed, but this

was not unexpected because at the trial court level amicus briefs are rarely asked for or granted," said La Force. "We intend to file an amicus brief should this case be appealed," he said.

Prior to the court's denial, La Force had said the Sierra Club would file an amicus brief by July 17, giving the city and Ladbroke a chance to respond before the Aug. 1 lawsuit hearing. Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben called the brief

a last-minute diversion tactic designed to divert the city's attention from preparing for the trial.

"If they really wanted to express legal issues... they should have done so three months ago," said Zweben.

He called the group's tactic of waiting until the last minute to file the brief "fatal."

"We don't consider this a diversion; we consider this a critical is-

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**'Norman La Force has been personally opposed to the cardroom since its very inception'**

—ALBANY CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT ZWEBEN

## Aboard America<sup>3</sup>

Olympic rower takes up sailing

By Mary Flaherty

Newlywed Anna Seaton Huntington hadn't lived in Albany long when she was seduced into sailing off with another man — and about 25 women. But this isn't a tale for the tabloids.

A former Olympic rowing medalist, Seaton joined America<sup>3</sup>, the almost all-women's team that nearly beat Dennis Conner's crew in this year's America's Cup sailing race in San Diego. The team was put together by "eccentric billionaire" Bill Koch (pronounced Coke), a scientist who wanted to create an all-women's team in what Seaton calls an "old boy" sport.

Retired from rowing and making plans to get married to Stewart Huntington, Seaton wasn't interested in going back to the grueling training of major competition. Seaton first met her husband at the 1988 Olympics. They fell in love, but parted ways, she returning to rowing headquarters in Boston and he to the Bay Area. They didn't get

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Anna Seaton Huntington of Albany, veteran of America's Cup competition, prepares the sail on her boat. *Chester King Vega*

## EC strives for commercial vitality through redevelopment

This is the third in a series of articles on citizen responses to redevelopment activity in El Cerrito.

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Norman La Force is currently serving as mayor of El Cerrito. In that capacity, he's in a position to receive a variety of projects from residents on projects plans around town. He's also a citizen of El Cerrito himself, bringing his own perspectives on those issues to his council seat.

Recently, discussion of redevelopment activity in the city has been focused on a tentative proposal for the development of a multi-screen theater adjacent to the Del Norte BART station.

The potential developer, Charles Oewel, already has a negotiating agreement with BART to develop a mixed-use residential/commercial project on BART property.

He believes the two projects would complement each other as well as the Del Norte Place project

located across the street. (That project was developed by the John Stewart Company.)

Should the project fly, Oewel would be working in concert with AMC Theatres, a national company in the business of developing multi-screen theaters.

La Force, redevelopment agency chair Jane Bartke, and city manager Gary Pokorney are currently planning a community meeting to keep the citizenry informed on the status of the theater proposal and the pro-

cess by which it will be considered. July 27 or 28 is the tentative meeting date.

Earlier this week, La Force enumerated five "key issues" he sees associated with the theater proposal (for which no formal application has been made). He also described what he believes to be the historical context for the proposed project and the council's response to it.

"The numbers," said La Force, are definitely a key issue.

"Can AMC and Oewel make the

entire project work?" he asked. "We have to evaluate the financing of the project. They also have to evaluate it. They may come back with their number crunchers and find that it doesn't work."

While La Force does not expect that to happen, he said the question is still open, with one bottom line for everyone: "We don't want to see them go belly up midstream."

"The physical constraints of the site are another key factor in planning for the future."

"We can't evaluate that (dimension) until AMC comes in with Oewel with some sort of plans or drawings. They have to see if they can make it work."

La Force pointed to a recent situation as an example of the fact that early interest does not guarantee a final project.

He noted that the city had entered an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Pep Boys for the construction of an auto parts and service store at the northern gateway to the city.

"We had set certain requirements, had placed certain restraints on what they would do... eventually, they came back and said, 'We can't make it work.'"

La Force said, for example, that AMC might well come back to the city to say that 24 screens are not a feasible plan for the Del Norte site.

"Thirdly, he said, 'There are whole host of other site issues.' Those are exactly the types of questions members of the Planning Commission and Design Review Board, with their particular areas of expertise and responsibility, will be dealing with, he said.

"In another critical area, the potential costs and benefits to the city must be clearly evaluated, La Force said. Since nothing is certain in the future, the city must make its best 'estimations and prognostications,' he said.

The situation is complicated. For example, the city must compare projected tax revenues to any costs that might be incurred. Some of those costs can be quite subtle, such as the need for increased police services. On the other hand, a developer may finance some incurred costs as mitigations for impacts made by the project.

"That leads directly to the final key issue (though there are many other "sub-issues," La Force said): What are the projected environmental impacts of the project?

Among those are potential traffic impacts which have perhaps generated the most early concern.

"They're always an issue," said La Force. "I've not assumed that what AMC has told me about (projected traffic volume) is true. We have to understand it. That's why you have CEQA (the California Environmental Quality Act which covers environmental analysis of development projects). The process is designed to provide the decision-maker with the information needed to make a decision. That's stated right at the beginning of the act... (which) presumes the information is not available until you make the analysis."

"I'm not going to pre-judge this," he said, noting that "all of us expressed concerns about that (traffic impact) in January," when the sub-

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## EC police officer stars in power lifting contest

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Patrol officer Albrandt has won a gold medal power lifting at the Police Summer Games. Albrandt recently represented the El Cerrito Police Department at the games, held this month in Modesto.

Each year, the event draws law enforcement officers from all over the country representing the high patrol, probation and correctional departments and city police agencies. Thousands of officers attend, said Albrandt. "You do everything you'd do at the summer Olympics," said Albrandt. "Tennis, swimming, boxing."

About 50 officers participated in power lifting division. Albrandt practices lifting as a hobby; the goal of the activity is body building and general healthy exercise. Power lifting, he said, is different in that it is based on strength and focuses on how much weight can be lifted.

After that, it was four years in the Navy for Albrandt.

The El Cerrito P.D. is his first police job; he's been with the department for four years.

and stands. In the bench press, he lies on a bench, brings the weight down to his chest and then lifts it back up. In the dead lift, the weight is lifted from ground to waist.

Albrandt, who is 29 and weighs 159 pounds, participated in the "165 open class" for all ages under 30. His scores: lifting 385 pounds squatting, 292 in the bench press and 485 from a dead lift, won him first place in his weight class.

"This is the first time I've competed; it was kind of fun," said Albrandt, who definitely plans to participate again.

He can get plenty of practice. Albrandt and his wife, Lori, opened a gym in Benicia about a year ago, the Body Works Fitness Center.

Albrandt has been working out since high school in Colorado Springs. "I was a little guy, so I had to do it to play football," he said.

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Officer Jeff Albrandt lifts heavy things for a hobby. *Aaron Calbreath-Frasier*

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By Phyllis Lyon

## Adonis sheds light on wonders of a back yard

"THAT BIRD WITH FEATHERS of blue is waiting for you, back in your own back yard." Great old song, and so true.

I've spent 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness fasting on Fritos, giving in to electronic temptations shaped like fertilizer bombers, the index of leading economic indicators, unabombers, camouflaged militia men, Newts and Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, coroner to the stars. Scary devils.

America and the world at large have gone to hell in a handbasket, I said, snarling at the set.

Wait a darned minute, hold your pose, as my mother used to say. When was the last time I passed a crazy with an Uzi walking down Solano Avenue? Or my neighbor was arrested? Or my mail exploded? Hints that something was wrong with those pictures stirred in my bosom.

**TURNS OUT, WHILE** I was being beguiled by all that virtual mayhem, it had rained for 40 days and 40 nights. When the flood subsided and the doves returned, a jungle of nasturtium, cineraria, dandelions, blackberry vines and mystery vegetation had risen up around me.

Gardening and yard-tending are not inherited characteristics. I have fond memories of inept tomatoes nursed to fullness by my mother and of eating concord grapes and smoking the vines — there's a hot thrill — in the secret shade of the leaves. But gardening-wise, I take after my father, the grasshopper.

Front yards, we know, are open to public scrutiny and subject to comparison. While I may long for the good old days of drought when it was patriotic to have a brown front yard, it's now only fair to my neighbors to keep up some semblance of neatness. So I hired a person with a truck to make my collection of native California plants resemble a green lawn, well, as viewed from Marin Avenue anyway.

## Letters to the Editor

### Racism will always be wrong

Editor:

This is in response to an inflammatory letter published in your paper June 22 regarding a fistfight at Albany High School, a fight that the letter writer blamed on activities centered around Cinco De Mayo.

One of the messages of multiculturalism is that racism is wrong, has been wrong, and will continue to be wrong and unacceptable in a free society. Apparently the writer did not understand that.

Unfortunately, America has for too many years been nothing but a series of "single culture type shows" imbedded with "single culture type" stereotypes of people of color.

One of the phrases that continually rears its ugly head throughout that letter is the phrase "politically correct." That phrase makes me sick to my stomach. It was devised by George Will to smear the accomplishments, sacrifice and dedication of millions of people of all races who worked and fought for a better world.

The phrase is ignorant. The phrase is racist in that it is a snide slam at any aspect of America's recent and modest progress against white supremacy and bigotry. It tries to conceal the defects of "the good old days" when people and things were quiet and under control, when there was no such thing as Cinco de Mayo celebrations, Black History Month and Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

Pat Buchanan, Jesse Helms, Newt Gingrich, David Duke, Rush Limbaugh and hate radio, anti-choice fanatics, anti-immigrant groups all stand solidly behind that phrase. Personally, I think they stink.

Just once I'd like to see these people who whine and rail and foam at the mouth about "dangerous" multiculturalism get real and get a clue. Just once think about Oklahoma City and who is allegedly

**BUT MY BACK YARD** is mine own. There I am my own weedy person without apology.

Or would have been except that over the years my neighbors behind on Tulare had allowed a giant conifer to grow and spread, shading my whole back yard, permitting growth of moss only.

If there's a poem lovely as a tree, this monster was rap. It was ugly, ug-glee. That nevergreen was half dead for years. I longed for it to fall over, even though on my house, but that tree had contempt for the wildest blow. A tree expert told me I could legally cut down the half that hung over my yard, but that would have only compounded ugly. The fire chief was reluctant to declare it a fire hazard.

**NOT WANTING TO START** something, I didn't do the obvious. I didn't consult with the owners about cutting it down through official channels for fear of inciting an uprising of the tree police who go through your garbage to ferret out dirt on you.

One recent day, enrapt by a smirking O.J. mock-struggling with the bloody gloves, I heard buzzing. I hustled to the back door to discover a chain saw-laden Adonis in the lower branches of that tree, sunlight glinting off his manly muscles. Caloo, collay, I chorled in my joy.

With a patience wonderful to watch, the daring young man worked his way up, lopping off branches as he went. He paused in glory 35 ft. high, refreshed himself with a cranberry Snapple and sawed off chunks of trunk on his way back down to the ground.

Thus was my back yard opened up to a whole hemisphere of bright blue sky.

**IT'S STILL A JUNGLE** out here. My Lady Banksia rose, named after his wife by Sir Joseph Banks, the English botanist who sailed with Captain Cook, runs rampant among the ivy covering the fence. A small patch of bonsai fescue left over from Bob and Sally Outis's front yard refurbishment stands synecdochically for "lawn" among the weeds. A spindly plant that fell off a truck in the middle of Ventura has grown into a riot of blossoming nemesis.

On Clean-up Day I put out the lawn chair cushion that had rotted in the gloom (some pitiful person came and took it in the night) and bought a soft, green-and-white-striped new one. Now, instead of sitting in the dark staring at sex, lies and double murders, I lounge in my back yard gazing at the real-life clouds of Constable wafting over Albany.

**"YOU'LL FIND YOUR HAPPINESS** lies right under your eyes, back in your own back yard." So true.

involved in that. Just once think about Massachusetts and the hairdresser who shot the Planned Parenthood receptionists to death. Just once think about Florida and what Christian fundamentalist Paul Hill did to the doctor down there.

And maybe jog your memory of a church in Birmingham on Sunday in 1963 and the four little girls there in Sunday school who never went home again. Just once think about what really is and who really is dangerous.

In the Albany schools we don't need to videotape school events for somebody's so-called approval. Teachers have got more than enough to do without that. We also don't need to start censoring speeches like we don't need to start banning books or burning books. Finally, we don't need to start attacking the schools for doing what they're supposed to be doing — educating our youth.

Douglas Yamamoto  
Albany

### Half not better than none

Editor:

It was refreshing to finally have Mayor La Force formulate his thoughts about the Del Norte 5,000-seat mega-theater and related projects (July 6 Letters). Too bad it took the strongly worded Journal letter of the preceding week to get some inkling about the schedule and approval process.

In response, we would like to see if our council will be getting much support in El Cerrito, beyond perhaps some members of the Chamber of Commerce. Even there, I would urge a nose count of those clearly in favor of this project. The mayor mentions three seven-member advisory committees. We are confident that, though nominated by the council, most advisory committee members would in the end make the right decision for our

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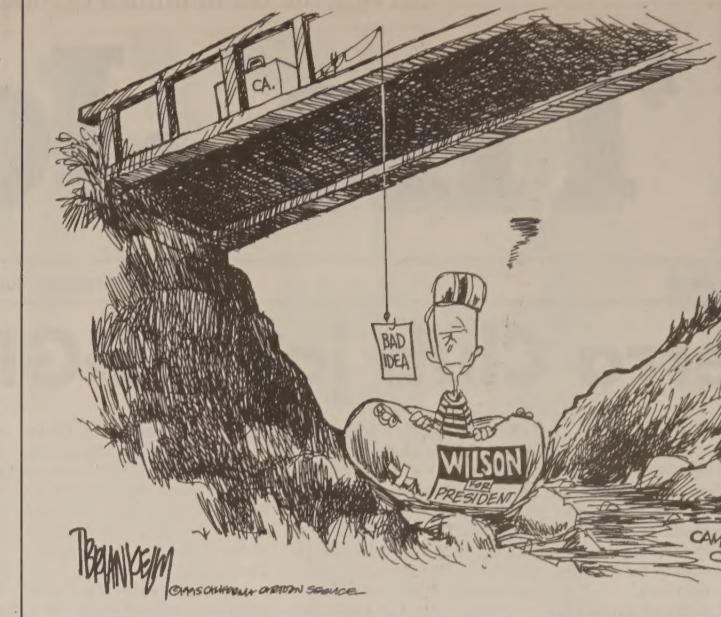
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## Police Reports

### Youth arrested for violating teen center interdict

By K. Osborn

Cornell Avenue, stole various items and departed unseen on July 4.

\* On the afternoon of July 4, thieves entered a residence on the 500 block of Cornell Avenue by breaking a window and then unlocking a door. They performed a messy prowls, stole a VCR and a computer and departed unseen.

\* A San Leandro man was seen sitting in a '62 VW parked on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue at about 12:30 a.m. on July 3. He was arrested when officers found he had two warrants from Alameda County in the amount of \$1,821. He was cited and released.

\* Between 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on July 4 there were various reports of fireworks being set off around Albany. All activity stopped when officers made contact.

\* Thieves entered an unlocked residence on the 900 block of

\* On the night of July 4, a man was arrested when the alarm of the Safeway Store on Cornell Avenue reported that she was intoxicated and very unconscious. She was found to have two \$100 bills and a credit card of \$109,000. She was transferred for holding.

\* An Oakland man was arrested for a traffic violation near 16th and Pierce streets at about 11:30 p.m. on July 9. He was found to have warrants from Belmont and Alameda. He was arrested.

\* During the week of July 3, many officers fingerprinted people at their request, took cars, responded to 24 false alarms, attended to five deceased animals, assisted six people who were locked out of their car and responded to five barking dogs.

### Gun used in early-morning, BART path bike theft

By Dawn Frasier

flashed when an alarm sounded.

\* Residential prowlers were reported in the 6600 block of Stockton Avenue at about 10 p.m. July 6 and the 1700 block of Lexington at about 1:21 a.m. July 2.

\* A Richmond man was arrested for evading arrest and driving with reckless intent after a hit and run. The arrest was made at about 8 a.m. June 30 on Portola at San Pablo Avenue.

\* An El Cerrito man was arrested in the 900 block of Elm Street at about 8:25 p.m. June 27 after a brief traffic pursuit for speeding violations.

\* Two men are suspected of taking car keys from the office of McNevin Cadillac, then taking a 1992 Cadillac El Dorado at about 3:28 a.m. June 22.

\* Five other vehicles were reported stolen: a 1992 Buick Century from the 1700 block of Liberty Street during the night of July 1, a 1977 Toyota Celica from the 11600 block of San Pablo Avenue during the daytime June 22, a 1982 Toyota Corolla from the 2000 block of Junction Avenue during the night of June 28, a 1985 Toyota Camry from the same block of Junction Avenue during the night of June 26, and a 1978 Olds Regency from the 900 block of Lexington during the night of June 23.

\* Someone attempted to pry the steering column of a car parked at Del Norte Place on the evening of June 30 but was unable to steal the vehicle. The thief did take a laptop computer and backpack from inside.

\* Several vehicles were entered and ransacked with nothing reported stolen. They were located in the 1300 block of Devonshire Drive (during the night of June 19), the 2400 block of Tulare Avenue (during the night of June 21), and the 2200 block of Mira Vista Drive (between June 26 and 28).

\* Heavy tools were taken from a home in the 1500 block of Regency Court between June 30 and July 5.

\* A TV, record player and miscellaneous items were taken from a home in the 6600 block of Cutting Boulevard on the afternoon of June 21.

\* A small refrigerator and miscellaneous items were taken from a home in the 700 block of Balboa during the night of June 27.

\* Cash was taken from a home in the 7800 block of Eureka on the afternoon of June 27; the burglar

night of June 22 (unloaded a gun with a clip and two empty magazines), the 2200 block of Mira Vista Drive between June 25 and 29, the 200 block of Terrace Drive during the night of June 27 (cellular phone), and the lot at El Cerrito Plaza afternoons of July 3 (rear parking space).

An auto burglary was attempted in the lot at Pastime Hardware on the afternoon of June 28.

\* Bikes were reported stolen in front of a house in the 500 block of Albemarle during the afternoon of June 21, from the 1000 block between 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. and between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. (two incidents), from the 2200 block of Mono Avenue at the end of March, from a room in the 6500 block of 15th Street between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. and from El Cerrito Plaza afternoons of June 30 and 31 (two incidents).

\* The El Cerrito City Hall was shattered during the June 26.

\* Two small residential buildings were smashed during the June 23. A plate glass window was smashed in the 1200 block of Navellier during the daytime.

\* A windshield was smashed in Rockway and Colusa at 9 a.m. June 15.

\* Someone pulled a rose from a yard in the 600 block of Ashbury during the night of June 16.

\* A San Pablo man and a Richmond man were arrested in possession of methamphetamine on San Pablo Avenue and Ohio at a.m. July 3.

\* A San Pablo man was arrested at 12:30 a.m. July 2 in the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue in possession of needles and a controlled substance.

\* A San Pablo woman was arrested for driving under the influence on Scott Street and Napa at 4:24 a.m. July 1, an El Cerrito man at San Pablo and Madison at 11:53 p.m. June 23, and a Richmond man on San Pablo between Manila and Potrero.

\* Also arrested for driving under the influence were an El Cerrito man on Scott Street and Napa at 4:24 a.m. July 1, an El Cerrito man at San Pablo and Madison at 11:53 p.m. June 23, and a Richmond man on San Pablo between Manila and Potrero.

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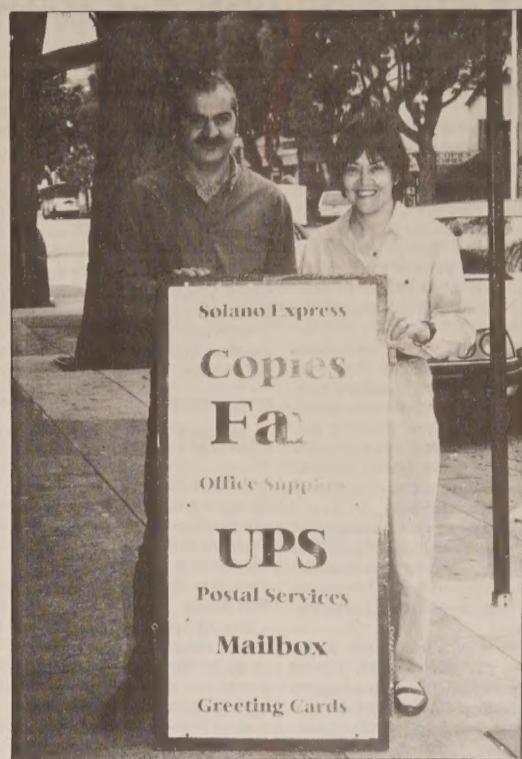
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#### Annual dinner

The installation of officers and newly elected board of directors for the 1995-96 term for the Albany Chamber of Commerce will be held at the annual dinner

Wednesday, July 19, at the Casablanca Banquet Room.

Century Cable District Manager Jeff Butler will begin his second term as president with the assistance of Raymond Grassi, first vice president, (commercial property owner); Edward Elliott, second vice president (Edward Elliott Realtor); Bob Gordon of Gordon's Piano Shop, third vice president; and Elisabeth Bell, associate member, treasurer.

Ray Anderson (R.H. Publishing Company) and John Nakamura (Albany Ford/Subaru) will be installed as new board

directors.

Reelected to the board are Jerome Blank (Jerome Blank Realty) and Joe Sio (Joe Sio Chevrolet/Geo).

Others continuing their three year term are Al Caruso (Al Caruso and Associates), Amelia Chelley (Sumitomo Bank manager), Christine Forristall (Mechanics Bank manager), Dale Hudson (Albany Unified District administrator), William F. Johns, (attorney), Al Martinez (Solano Avenue Pharmacy), Jewel Okawachi (associate member) and Robert Walkup (Ellis-Olson Mortuary).

Guests have a choice of prime rib or filet of salmon at a cost of \$22.50 per person. No-host cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m.

Interested parties may make reservations by contacting the Chamber of Commerce at 525-1771 or in person at 1108 Solano Ave. weekdays. RSVPs would be appreciated by Friday, July 14, 5 p.m.

#### Albany Classic/Vintage Auto Show

The fourth annual Albany Classic/Vintage and Special Interest Vehicles Auto Show will be held Saturday, Aug. 12, 11

a.m. to 4 p.m., on the Key Route Strip, according to chairman David Arroyo. Albany Chamber of Commerce sponsors this event as a "No cost, just for fun" show.

This is an opportunity to show off one's pride and joy vehicle and share shoptalk with others. First-time exhibitors are encouraged, as well as those who took part in previous years.

Early auto sign-ups for exhibitors will be noted in a special edition of The Journal, Berkeley Voice and Family Fair distributed Thursday, Aug. 10.

Applications are available at the Chamber office, 1108 Solano Ave., or phone 525-1771 or Arroyo at 526-4680.

Several activities are planned for youngsters, such as face painting and an Astro Jump if one is available.

#### Great changes for Mangia

New prices, new menu, chef and new hours are being honored at the Mangia Mese Restaurante e Caffe, 755 Solano Ave.

Some prices have been lowered, lighter meals are available and lunch is now being served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Menus will vary weekly.

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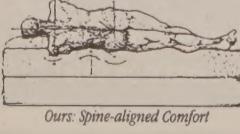
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Eggie Thow

you buy Albany school scrip? Scrip programs provide your elementary PTAs with a sizable amount of money last year. Marin School alone raised over \$100,000 for the PTA through scrip.

though other schools earned what less, everyone seems to think that scrip programs are and continue to be important sources of funding. (Middle School High School have no current program, but parents at AMS are considering the possibility.)

What is scrip? Scrip looks like money and is used exactly like money at local grocery stores — Andronico's, Natural Grocery, Way and Lucky.

generally comes in denominations of \$10, \$20 and \$50.

Depending on which school you choose, scrip is available for grocery businesses as well — you can pay your Emporium bill in scrip or your AT&T phone bill, to name only two.

You purchase scrip from the school PTA, buying dollar for dollar. Grocery scrip returns a percentage of the money to the PTA (5 percent at Safeway and Lucky; 6 percent at Andronico's and Natural Grocery).

Other businesses return varying percentages, from 2 percent at Andronico's to a whopping 20 percent at the Emporium.

Carrow's restaurant.

A scrip credit card is also available. The percentages add up when you make major purchases such as airline tickets or hotel reservations.

Scrip money, like other fund-raising money, goes into the school PTA's general fund.

It can contribute toward the cost of school aides, enrichment programs, classroom supplies, parent education evenings, or any educational purpose voted by the PTA board of directors.

The hardworking scrip committee is Marin and Vista-McGregor. Want to know if scrip is available during the summer, too?

You can order scrip through the summer school or from designated committee members.

At Marin, you may call Linda Okamoto, 525-6782, or Karen Moss, 526-2018. For Vista-McGregor, contact Mary Jo Senica, 524-7571.

The summer school band program will present a concert tonight, July 13, at 7 in the AHS Little Theater. Students in the beginning, intermediate and advanced bands, as well as jazz band and string and wind ensembles, will perform.

The next PTA Council meeting has been changed to Thursday, 7 p.m. at Marin School Library. We are working on a district handbook that will be published in the fall. As always, all parents and teachers are welcome.

## Theater proposal: step by step

## Theater proposed in January

In this article and the one to follow, I want to address some of the misconceptions and misunderstandings that have apparently arisen over the proposal for a mixed-use development and theater next to Del Norte Place on the west side of the Del Norte BART station. For this piece I want to go over the history of the theater proposal so readers can understand how we got to where we are now.

## Del Norte Place and need for commercial development

In the 1980s the city helped finance the Del Norte Place development through the Redevelopment Agency. This mixed-use development has won awards and praise from around the country for its design and as a good example of pedestrian and transit-oriented development sited next to a transit station. A survey of residents shows that they own fewer cars and use BART more often than what is found in the state.

The project is one component of our efforts to commercially revitalize that area of the city. That area of the city, however, needs some kind of stimulus to provide the foundation for a strong commercial base for that area. We must also provide the kind of development that can meet the demands of our residents for the kind of businesses they have asked for over and over again. Specifically, the council has heard people say they want theaters, bookstores, record stores, bakeries, cafes, and other types of shops. For those types of businesses one needs development that will make it profitable for them to come to El Cerrito.

AMC told the council that it wanted a 24-screen theater complex with up to 5,000 seats, that it would include on-site parking, but would also seek BART's approval for use of the BART garage for parking on the heavier-used days.

At this juncture, I want to clear up what appears to be an incorrect statement at best or a downright lie at worst, that we had secretly discussed this proposal for a year with AMC. No one at the city, either members of the council or staff, had been secretly negotiating with Oewell or AMC before this January. Indeed, the first the Council heard of this proposal was the first time the community heard of it: at the Jan. 17 City Council meeting.

## City Council reaction

The City Council received this idea with great interest and with concern. We were interested because the proposal promised to bring further development to the area next to Del Norte Place which would help it remain commercially viable and which would provide the kind of

## From the Mayor's Desk

By Norman LaForce  
El Cerrito



There were many issues to be addressed, the main one being traffic...

commercial activity that would stimulate the desire of bookstores, cafes, bakeries, and other types of businesses that residents said they wanted to come to El Cerrito.

The Council also expressed concerns. These were concerns over traffic impacts, noise, crime, and other impacts on the neighborhood. (See Redevelopment Agency Minutes, Jan. 17 Meeting).

At that initial presentation of this proposal, we did not just steam ahead as if we were on the Titanic, as someone in the community has remarked.

Instead, we voted to put the matter over for further discussion. We also sought to determine if the owners of El Cerrito Plaza wanted to get together to put together a comparable proposal because the council believed that the theater complex might be better located at the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center.

## March 6 council meeting

We gave AMC, Oewell, the El Cerrito Plaza owners and the community over a month and a half to reflect on the theater proposal because we next had this issue on the agenda at the March 6 meeting. In that intervening month and a half we found out that while two of the Plaza owners either had no objection to the theater proposal or were interested, the third owner who held the largest ownership interest, did not respond. Indeed, when the city approached this owner, his representative told us that he was on vacation.

In my next article I will discuss the critical issues and the process, which includes all the various means of citizen input, for how we will evaluate a proposal should one come forward. I hope this brief recapitulation of the history helps to clarify what has happened.

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BILL MANN

## A day in the life

**Routine Matters:** I was speaking at a civic luncheon the other day, and it was time to take questions from the audience. One Rotarian arose, smiling, and jokingly asked a question I hear all the time these affairs. No, not "Don't you ever use a fork?" (Though I do hear that one quite a bit). But, "What is it exactly that a radio and TV critic DOES?"

I answered with my old throwaway line that the best thing about being a TV critic is spending 24 hours a day in a bathrobe. "No, seriously," the non-press guy said, pressing the press guy. "What's your day like?" Hey, listen, I replied. No one ever said this was an easy job, but someone's got to do it. OK, here's what I actually did on one typical day last week — one when I wasn't, ahem, home watching TV or playing "Battle Zone" on my computer. This just so you, the reader, will appreciate what a tough, thankless job this is.

8:30 a.m.: Look for a parking place outside KQED in San Francisco.

8:55: Finally locate one — in a red zone. Rush inside, hustled to KQED-FM studio by producer of Michael Krasny's talk show.

Make it with one minute to spare.

9:40: Discuss hate-talk radio with Krasny and former KCBS newscaster Peter Laufer, who's authored a new book on the subject. I call the obnoxious-and-then-some Michael Savage of KSF Radio, a guy who recently heckled Krasny's high-school graduation speech, "a right-wing moron" because the classy Krasny can't or won't say it but I can. My work here is done.

9:45: Chat in KQED's "Green Room" with one of my current heroes, a Walnut Creek grandmother named Mary Griffith who's getting ready to do Krasny's show along with my old *Tribune* editor, Leroy Aarons. Griffith is the subject of Aarons' new book, *Prayers For Bobby*, a true story that's drawing rave reviews in everything from "The Advocate" and "Publisher's Weekly" to the Washington Post. (As well as the Ex and Chron). Griffith, a former homophobe and erstwhile doctrinaire Christian now active in Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, has had a change of heart since her gay son Bobby committed suicide up in Portland in 1983. Mary Griffith is a woman on a mission, and I get the chance to tell her personally that I admire what she's doing.

10:15: I'm at the Examiner, picking up my mail and chatting with columnist Rob Morse. Rob tells me about the series he's doing; he and his wife are posing as tourists in San Fran. I tell him a couple of tourist-gouging stories of my own. Morse says he'll be glad when the series is finished and he can write his regular column again. Rob's a nice guy and even laughs at my old line about the four words you'll never see in *Herb Caen's* column: "Convicted felon Wilkes Bashford."

11:00: I'm in the Channel 7 newsroom, joking with Dr. Dean Edell about his upcoming new series on KGO. Edell chuckles when I tell him Savage has denied to me that his real name is Weiner. "He's a Weiner, all right," chuckles Edell, who's been keeping an eye on Savage, who works one floor above. "And I don't care if he told you he lives in the East Bay. He lives in

## Multimedia Notes

## ■ Goings on About Town

## Performances

**Ashkenaz:** July 13, 9 p.m. Mud Hut; July 14, 9:30 p.m. Caribbean Allstars; July 15, 9:30 p.m. Spirit of Pan; July 16, 3 p.m. Danny Pouillard and friends; July 18, 9:30 p.m. Forgots; July 19, 9 p.m. Al Rapone. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley; 525-5054

**Berkeley Repertory Theatre:** An Ideal Husband by Oscar Wilde, directed by Stephen Wadsworth: Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Tuesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; closes Aug. 6; 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 204-8901.

**Freight & Salvage:** July 13, 8 p.m.: The Baguette Quartet with Odile Lavalut; July 14, 8:30 p.m.: Martin Simpson playing blues; July 15, 8:30 p.m.: Susan's Room featuring Susan Streitwieser playing acoustic pop with Ritt Henn; July 16, 8 p.m.: Harmony Gris; July 17, volunteer night 7-9 p.m.; July 19, 8 p.m.: Watsoner: Charly playing traditional British music. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

**Jupiter:** July 13, 8 p.m.: Andre Bush Quartet; July 14, 5:30 p.m.: Slydenmike; 8 p.m.: Frijoles blancos; July 15, 8 p.m.: Junk; July 19, 8 p.m.: Alphabet Soup; 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 510-718-ROCK.

**Kimball's East:** July 11-16, 8 and 10 p.m.: Peabo Bryson. July 19-23, 8 and 10 p.m.: Dave Koz plays jazz sax. Shellmound St., Emeryville. 255-2255.

**La Peña Cultural Center:** July 29, 9:30 p.m.: Conjunto Cespedes playing Afro-Cuban dance tunes. 3105 Shattuck Ave.; 849-2568, ext. 15.

**Starry Plough:** July 13, 9:30 p.m.: Slow Fidelity; July 14, 9:30 p.m.: Paddlefoot, Brillantines, Train; July 15, 9:30 p.m.: Tang, Mars Villa; July 16, 8 p.m.: Wildflowers, Ruby's Tattoo; July 17, 9 p.m.: Traditional Irish Music; July 18, 7:30 p.m.: Open mike; July 19, all night darts. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

## Religious activities

**Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists:** July 16, 10:30 a.m.: Susan McCarthy will speak on the topic: "When Elephants Weep: The Emotional Life of Animals." 1924 Cedar, Berkeley; 841-5250.

**Ewan Choden:** July 13, 7 p.m.: Sakya Trizin leading Hevajra Empowerment-Preparation; July 14, 7 p.m.: Sakya Trizin leading Hevajra Empowerment-Completion; July 15, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2 p.m.-6 p.m.: 13 Golden Teachings of the Sakya Tradition; 254 Cambridge Ave., Kensington. 527-7363.

**St. Joseph the Worker Church:** July 15, 12:30 p.m.: Father George Ernest Crespin will be installed as the 10th pastor during Mass. 1640 Addison, Berkeley. 843-2244.

**The 5:45:** Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-2625.

## Events, meetings, classes...

**Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association:** July 26, 8 p.m.: Robert Winter speaks on, "The Myth of California Expressed Through Arts and Crafts Architecture." The Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 841-2242.

**Berkeley Art Center:** July 14 and 15, 8 p.m.: Paul Benney and Myles Boisen star in the musical, "Whatever Happened to Baby John?" 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. 644-6893.

**Berkeley Farmers' Market:** Sundays, 11-3 p.m. Fresh California produce near People's Park; parking available: Haste Street and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley.

**Berkeley Opera:** July 14-15, 19, 21-22, 26, 28-29, all at 8 p.m. July 23, 7 p.m.: July 30, 2 p.m.: Presentation of, "Elixir of Love," a comedy by Donizetti. Hillside Club, 2280 Cedar St., Berkeley. 444-8575.

**Black Oak Books:** July 13, 7:30 p.m.: Ken Kesey talks about his book, *Last Go Round*; July 16, 7:30 p.m.: David Barsamian will give a talk entitled: "Media and Propaganda"; July 17, 7:30 p.m.: Felice Picano will read from *Like People in History*; July 18, 7:30 p.m.: Margaret Thaler Singer, Ph.D., will discuss her work, *Cults in Our Midst*:

1 p.m.: I meet KPIX greengrocer Tony Tantillo and Alex Bennett for lunch nearby at Il Forno, where I then have the best Italian meal I've ever eaten. (And I used to make pilgrimages to the revered Mama Leon's in New York City when I was growing up.) I make a weak joke about the Catholic kid, the Jew and the WASP (me) breaking bread together, using Bennett's stock line about "Let this, then, be the beginning of world brotherhood." Tantillo is delightful. Like me, he loves to talk about his kids — two cute little girls and a 9-year-old son. We exchange kidphotos. Alex rolls his eyes, smiles, and groans, "Here we go again." Tantillo also talks about produce a lot, telling me he used to work at his father's market during his high-school years, arising at the ungodly hour of 1 a.m. Tantillo chuckles at a Fourth of July "bit" he did on Channel 11, crossing himself "like my dad used to" as he tested watermelons. I like Tantillo's boyish enthusiasm and also hearing him order everything in Italian, a language many of us have always secretly wanted to learn.

3 p.m.: Doing my daily tube reviews for America Online. A reader in Ohio e-mails me, asking if I watch TV all day. I make a note to send him this column.

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## East Bay Events

# Let 'Nanette' make you happy, too

By Phyllis Lyon

The Contra Costa Civic Theater's tradition of summer fun goes on this year with super-dazzling vigor in its production of *No, No, Nanette*, the 1920 flappers-by-the-sea musical. The under-25 company of singers and dancers will be tapping their feet off on the Moeser Lanes stage in El Cerrito weekends through Aug. 12.

"Nanette," with book and lyrics by legendary musical giants Otto Harbach, Vincent Youmans, Irving Caesar and Frank Mandel, spotlights two great songs still hummed today, "I Want to be Happy" and "Tea for Two." Less enduring of the show's 20 musical numbers — "Too Many Rings Around Rosie (Will Never Get Rosie a Ring)" and "Telephone Girlie," for two — put the musical comedy smack dab in the middle of the Jazz Age.

And the stars, local professionals under the direction of Mark Patino assisted by Terry O'Donnell, fairly burst their buttons carrying out the musical's be-happy theme. Their exuberance, not to mention talent and obvious dedication to the work, convince the audience they really mean



John Dey, Marle Gaines and Sara Pedri in 'No, No Nanette' at Contra Costa Civic Theater.

it: They won't be happy unless they make you happy, too.

In a musical where everyone goes into his dance at the drop of a hat, high praise is due choreographer Sara J. Pedri for capturing the '20s with

lively versions of the turkey trot, the Castle walk and ensemble tap dancing extraordinaire. Pedri also shows off her own fancy footwork in "Take a Little One Step."

And of course there's a plot, of

sorts.

Rich New York Bible publisher Jimmy Smith is in big trouble. Unbeknownst to his plain and practical

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Jack Hamilton's marvel of suspense 'Angel Street' opens Friday at the Actors Ensemble of Berkeley production at Live Oak Theatre. The show runs weekends through Aug. 12. For reservations and information call 528-5620. Above, Jack (Scott Campbell) is confronted by his terrified wife (Claudine Jones).

## Evening with four saxophones

The Rova Saxophone Quartet has been making music all over the world for more than 17 years, although its home is in the East Bay. The group will be appearing July 19 at The Berkeley Store Gallery, 5 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Following Rova's 8:30 p.m. show, Dan Casey — and possibly John and Peter Hinds — will play selections from their new CD, "Another Curiosity Piece." Tickets for the show, part of Beanbender's Creative Music Series, \$5. All ages welcome.

## Re-walker visits Farmers' Market

Lightwire dancer Ayin de Sela, veteran of Cirque du Soleil and the Family Circus, will perform with Canadian violinist/composer at the Sunday Berkeley Farmers' Market on July 16 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Admission is free.

The usual great fruit, vegetables and breads will also be present, having moved off Haste Street and on to Telegraph Avenue.

## In American, Pacific cultures showcased

Los de Abajo Dance Theater and Left Coast Dance Company perform Thursday and Friday, July 13-14, as part of the annual Bay Area Dance Series. The program is intended to provide an in-depth look at the experience of Bay Area artists in American artists.

On Friday and Saturday, Likha-pono folk ensemble appears with Mahe Uchiyama and the Kaua'Uahine Hawaiian Dance Company.

Kikila-Pilipono Folk Ensemble performs traditional dances of the Philippines to showcase and preserve the area's culture. Mahe Uchiyama and Kaua'Uahine is an Oakland-based ensemble dedicated to perpetuating traditional songs and dances of the South Pacific.

Laney College is at 900 Fallon St., Oakland. For tickets and schedule information call 889-9550.

## True stuff about teenagers' lives

In *Whatever Happened to Baby John*, Paul Benney and Myles Robbins combine their dynamic choreography and music with samples from Robbins' and Bernstein's original score and staging to create a morose yet disturbing look at gangs, sexuality and growing up. The show is part of Berkeley Art Center's performance series, "Spirit in Motion, Spirit in Sound."

Performances are Friday and Saturday, July 13-14, at 8 p.m. The theater is at 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley, in Live Oak Park. For information call 644-6893.

## Peabo Bryson sings in Emeryville

Peabo Bryson, the versatile recording artist and performer, is at the Emeryville East in Emeryville through Sunday, July 16, with shows at 7 and 10 p.m. The number to call for tickets is 658-2555.

## Turner up next at Durham Studio

Durham Studio's Summer Theater production of Harold Pinter's *Play* opens tonight at 8 p.m. and continues with performances July 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. Performances at 2 p.m. are scheduled July 15 and 22.

The winner of the London West End Award for Best Play of 1978, *Play* begins in the present and moves backward in time, from the start of an adulterous love affair to its beginning.

Durham Studio productions are in Dwinelle Hall on the UC campus, and are affiliated with Cal Center for Theater Arts. Call 642-9925.

## Understanding children and art

Miriam de Uriarte, founder and director of the Berkeley Child Art Institute, will speak at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art on July 20, 6:30 p.m. Her topic is how children's drawings, paintings and sculptures change from the age of 2 years to 10 years, based on how children cognitively perceive two- and three-dimensional space. A series of five classes for children 2 to 4 accompanied by a parent joins at SFMOMA July 22. For information call 415-357-4097.



Brazilian-born Tania Maria says she's a musician who 'goes with life.'

# Tania Maria vocalizes, verbalizes at Yoshi's

By Charles Levin

Go ahead. Ask Tania Maria about her latest compact disc, *No Comment*.

"I don't have anything to say. I have no comment," she says, exploding into laughter. A significant pun — it mirrors the Brazilian singer-pianist's approach to music making: a free-spirited, outgoing and a living-life-one-day-at-a-time disposition.

"I'm a musician that goes with life," Maria says, speaking heavily accented English in a phone interview from her suburban Westchester County home near New York City.

"I never say to myself, 'I'm going to have to do another 'Come with Me' or blah, blah, blah,'" she says, invoking the title of her 1983 American release.

Maria considers her recordings snapshots of life at the moment — in this case she'd like to "do an album without words," says Maria, who opens a five-night stay at Yoshi's NiteSpot next

Wednesday.

Maria is well known in this country, her home the last 14 years, for an infectious blend of samba, funk, jazz and Caribbean music. This straddling of styles could hardly be called unique for many Brazilian musicians. She credits fellow countrymen (and women) such as Toninho Horta, Nana Vasconcelos, Flora Purim and Milton Nascim: for not carrying on this tradition.

To this end, Maria brings fiery piano chops reminiscent of her idol Oscar Peterson and flawless scat singing that recalls a Latina Annie Ross. After attending one performance, European journalist I.C. Pires referred her as fronting the "world's only heavy-metal samba-jazz band," an experience that "has to be felt raw to be appreciated."

But her formidable instrumental talents aside, Maria sings with the best of them, whether crooning scintillating standard ballads like the Gershwin's "Embraceable You" or enthralling crowds with the sing-along style ostinato from the pop-funk title track on "Come With Me."

Which makes *No Comment* such an anomaly in her 15-recording pantheon. She does scat along with sole piano lines, a style she discovered listening to the Brazilian accordion virtuoso Sivuca; but there are no songs with lyrics to speak of. The significant difference between *No Comment* and previous sessions is the production's emphasis on Tom Kennedy's snapping electric bass and Ricky Sebastian's crisp snare drum, both ubiquitous in the mix. Even tunes like "Who Knows?" that occasionally break into samba have an insistent funky quality.

Maria enjoys blending funk with the styles of her homeland because "Brazilian and American music are the most important and vibrant (styles of music), and really touched me, touched my soul," she says. "I like them because I think they come from the same mother with different fathers. They come from Africa — rhythmically speaking."

Interesting, considering Maria cut her teeth for 6 1/2 years studying Western European classical piano — Mozart, Chopin, Beethoven, as well as Brazilian composers of that mold —

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## Evolution of a style...

Tania Maria grew up in Bela Vista, a neighborhood outside of Rio de Janeiro, where life revolved around the local steel mill. Her father, a sometime guitarist who worked at the mill, was determined that Maria, his first of five daughters, would play music, she recalls. When she was 6-years old, he brought home a piano and said, "This is for you."

"I never had any idea to be a musician," Maria recalls of seeing the instrument. But she didn't object, either.

Two years into conservatory studies, however, Maria knew classical music was not her calling.

"I knew that I did not have that discipline ... that I could play piano but not in that way,"

Maria says. Still, she loves classical repertoire, particularly the lush harmony of Ravel and the rhythmically complex and percussive-drenched works of Stravinsky — no small surprise, considering how her own style marries rhythm and harmony.

Still, several other events defined her musical direction. At age 13, her father assembled a group of

musician friends for Maria to play with, but he put his daughter in charge.

"He said, 'Now you play piano and you've

## Berkeley Opera's comic 'Elixir' opens

Berkeley Opera presents Donizetti's *Elixir of Love*, July 14-30 at the historic Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St., Berkeley. Performances are at 8 p.m. July 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 26, 28 and 29, 7 p.m. July 23 and 2 p.m. July 30.

One of opera's most charming comedies, *Elixir of Love* tells the story of the rich and capricious Adina who is loved by poorish peasant Nemorino. When the swaggering Sergeant Belcore comes to woo Adina, Nemorino is driven to desperation and buys a "love potion" from Dr. Dulcamara, a traveling con artist with a "cure" for every ill.

The opera will be sung in Donald Pippin's English translation.

Roles are double-cast and principals include Suzanne Lustgarten, Eileen Morris, Ellen Glikberg, Donna Lee, Mark Hernandez, Richard Nickol, Macate Hollie, Daniel Linden-Cohen, William Berges and Richard Goodman.

Tickets are \$25 general admission and \$20 for children and full-time students with ID. On July 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 an optional dinner is offered at 6:15 p.m. at \$25 per person. Tickets are available at Neil Thrama's Ticket Agency, (510) 444-8575.

A lecture/preview will be held on Sunday, July 9 from 4-5:30 p.m. at North Church, 2138 Cedar St., Berkeley. Music Director Jonathan Khuner and featured singers will talk about the opera and perform excerpts. Admission to the preview is \$5 at the door.



Eliot Khuner  
Berkeley Opera's Richard Goodman as Dr. Dulcamara tries to sell some of his "magic potion" to Suzanne Lustgarten as Adina.



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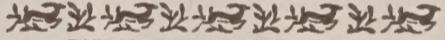
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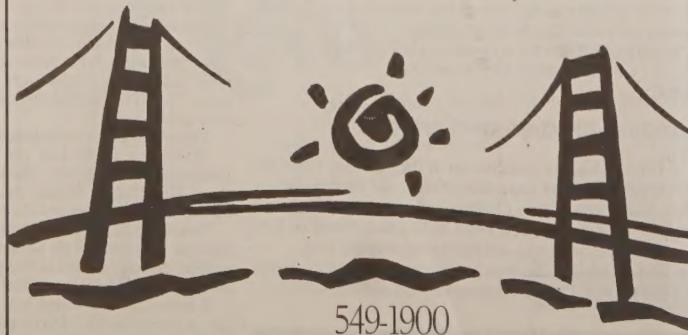
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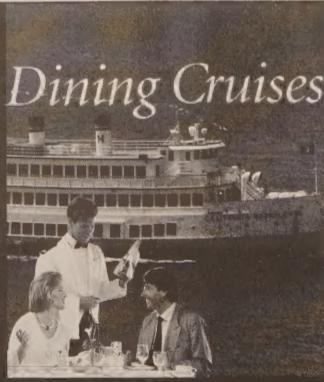
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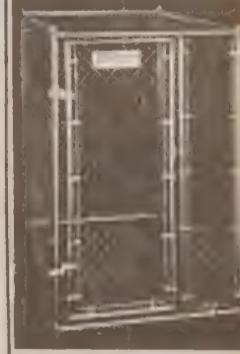
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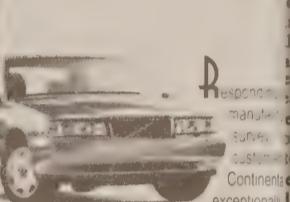
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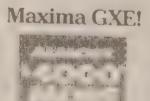
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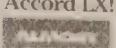
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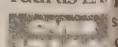
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in Walnut Creek.

## Tennis greats here Saturday

Tennis greats Roscoe Tanner and Rod Laver will make a rare Area appearance when they play an exhibition match at the Berkeley Tennis Club on Saturday, July 15. The noon doubles match will include the men and women players at the University of California, Berkeley. Tickets to the event are \$25, which will benefit Alta Bates East AIDS Center.

Tanner and Laver will be joined by local and national celebrities in Superbowl fame, Hall of fame, the air waves and daytime TV. Just some of the familiar faces and names include: Roger Craig, former running back, San Francisco 49ers; Vida Blue, former pitcher for Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants; Ray Lewis, two-time Super Bowl winner for San Francisco 49ers; and Peter Lewis, who portrays



Noah Berger

## Summer vacation a great time to play

Eight-year-old Jonathan Sanford goes for a jump ball against one of his teammates at the People's Park courts. He's playing as part of Y Cal Camp activities. The program, a collaboration of the South Berkeley YMCA and UC Berkeley, introduces children to organized sports in a college atmosphere.

## Albany All Stars' 14-15 team out of post-season play

By Scott Kaplan

From the moment they threw on their uniforms, there seemed to be a lack of continuity or cohesion for the Albany Senior Major All-Stars (ages 14-15).

When last year's 13-year-old All-Star coach Padraic Ryan left the Albany Senior League baseball scene, Albany's uniforms went unintentionally with him (as Ryan had the uniforms in his possession). Members of the 1995 Senior Majors team then were forced to wear the jerseys from the teams they played for during the regular season. That means the team wore colors ranging from the maroon and gold of the Mets to the red and blue of the Astros.

Now it does

sound strange, the idea that mismatching uniforms could have influence on an actual game, and it probably is. However, it was a coincidence indeed that a team full of quality pitching and depth at every position would drop back-to-back affairs to squads of seemingly lesser talent.

Albany had some unavoidable deficiencies (i.e., so-so hitting and shoddy defense). The team had just 11 hits in the two games combined, while committing 10 errors in losses to Pittsburg and West County.

"I think the whole team had hopes for better things than what happened," said Albany manager Ed Herzog. "We really thought that we could go further than we did."

Albany was eliminated from the District 4 All-Stars last Saturday afternoon, losing 9-1 to West County, the team from the Oakley, Brentwood area at Mt. Diablo High School in Concord.

Early on the mood seemed pleasant for Albany, as it took a quick 1-0 lead in the first and had the bases loaded with just one out.

Alex Rice started off the frame with a walk and stole second base. Lucas Van Dyke singled Rice to third, and the bases were soon loaded when Mosimo Diconstanzo walked. As it turned out the following batter, Alec Johnson, would account for all of Albany's scoring with an RBI single.

From this point forward, however, you could put the proverbial fork in Albany.

Behind the strength of quality pitching from West County starter Bobby Cornhauser, W.C. got out of the first down just 1-0 as Cornhauser proceeded to pop up Albany's next two hitters with the bases full.

Cornhauser was the eventual winner, going four innings while allowing one earned run, and struck out one. Cornhauser was relieved by Mike Ross, who threw three shutout innings in relief.

Mike Seltzer took the loss for Albany despite pitching 3-2/3 quality innings as he struck out five batters and allowed two earned runs.

"Our pitching was very good, but we made too many errors... That's baseball, though — they made the plays and we didn't."

—ED HERZOG,  
ALBANY MANAGER

"Our pitching was very good, but we made too many errors," said Herzog. "We didn't get the key hits we needed. That's baseball, though — they made the plays and we didn't."

In the losing effort Albany got hits from Van Dyke, Johnson, Diconstanzo, James Cullen, and Nano Carriedo.

Albany opened up the tournament with a narrow 4-3 loss to Pittsburg National.

Albany had taken a 1-0 lead before Pittsburg scored four in the top of the third, taking advantage of two unearned Albany runs. The hosts responded with two in the bottom of the third. Rice accounted for the first run with a single and eventually scored on a wild pitch. Diconstanzo added an RBI single later in the frame.

James Cullen had a stellar day at the plate, going 2-for-4 for Albany with an RBI. Jose Carriedo, a member of Albany High's baseball team, threw four shutout innings in relief, striking out two.

One can certainly search and search for why things didn't work out more so for a talent-laden squad which features players who almost all play high school baseball and who just two years ago were the cornerstones for Albany's 13-year-old All-Star District 4 champions.

Uhh... It had to be the uniforms, so somebody, anybody, please find Mr. Ryan and tell him that Albany needs them back.

## 13-year-old all Stars win in post-season play

"It ain't over 'til it's over" — Yogi Berra

The Albany 13-year-old All Stars had an exciting come-from-behind victory over the Concord Continental All Stars for their second win in post-season tournament play.

A strong pitching effort by Jamie Arredondo kept the Albany team within striking distance.

Chris Gaeta in relief baffled the opposing batters. David Avila, Adam Phillips and Tom Smith provided a strong defense.

Tom Smith, catching, cut down two base runners trying to steal.

The firepower was provided by Jonathan Ball, who led off the first inning with a triple and scored the first run.

In the bottom of the seventh inning his double drove in two runs and he scored the winning run on Tim Onweller's clutch infield hit.

The Albany team won 5-4 and was scheduled to play again Wednesday in Walnut Creek.

## Raiders' return: Can they come home again?

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reat, but it'll  
e different

Peter Mentor

Al Davis sat at a table surrounded by a horde of reporters. In front of him sat some eaten French fries, already cold and congealed.

This was at a post-conference news conference supplied by The Man himself last Thursday in the bowels of the Oakland Coliseum arena.

While everyone else ate turkey and roast beef, Davis noshed on a specially ordered hamburger and ignored his fries.

It was clearly a day designed for the Raiders owner to capture the greatest moments of his team from the past to the present — and spoon feed the press.

There is no place Davis feels more comfortable than in the



Arturo Pena shows support for the Raiders — including a tattoo — while brother Damon looks on.

middle of all the attention and he was clearly getting all the focus on this day.

Like his French fries, Davis alluded to the few Bay Area people who are hard and cold on the Raiders' return to Oakland. This was not yet a done deal, and he expressed "guarded optimism" on it being reality.

Later, when Davis and his contingent of former and present players met the pols of Oakland at City Hall, they were greeted with a fanatical welcome befitting a city that has never given up hope of a Raiders' return.

Linking the past to the present is exactly what Davis and Co. would like. Many of the present players would like to return to the glory house that was The Oakland Raiders. They were there to support the move.

Will the move from Los Angeles turn the Raiders back into a Super Bowl competitor? Davis believes they already are in the running.

"We have a team that's good

enough now," Davis said. "Three magazines say we will be the AFC team to beat an NFC team in the Super Bowl."

The Raiders were, after all, the last AFC team to beat an NFC team in the title game. That, of course, was Super Bowl XVIII in 1984 when they were the Los Angeles Raiders and Marcus Allen was the MVP in a 38-9 romp over Washington.

The Raiders, as remembered by Oakland fans, go way back to 1981 and the Super Bowl XV championship. Those were the years of quarterback Jim Plunkett, who was not at the grand showing last week.

Before that Oakland won its first Super Bowl in 1977, beating Minnesota, 32-14, in SB XI. The Raiders lost the Big Game in their first appearance at Super Bowl II, falling, 33-14, to Bart Starr's Green Bay Packers in 1968.

Remembered more than Super Bowl wins were the Oakland players who remain vibrant in the

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## ■ East Bay Events



Snapdragon Puppets and creator Roger Mara will be performing at the library.

### Jack and his beanstalk come alive

A baby dragon billows smoke, periscopes dance and the Royal Bear Players perform in the Snapdragon Players' *Jack in the Beanstalk* at the Berkeley Public libraries July 18-20.

Shows are slated as follows:

Tuesday, July 18; South Branch, 1901 Russell, 2 p.m.; North Branch, 1170 The Alameda, 7 p.m.; July 19: Claremont, 2940 Benvenue, 2 p.m.; West Branch, 1125 University, 7 p.m.; July 20: Central Library, 2090 Kittredge, 2 p.m.

### Delta Wires turn 25 at the Claremont

The Delta Wires, one of the premiere Bay Area rhythm and blues bands, celebrates its silver anniversary at the Claremont Hotel on Saturday, July 15, beginning at 9 p.m.

The band's currently lineup includes Ernie Pinata, harmonica and vocals; Tom Gerrits, bass; Karen Rose, vocals; Jay Hansen, drums; Mike Quinlan, trumpet; Scott Johnson, saxophone, and Dean Allen, guitar.

### Songs and stories at Crab Cove Sunday

Nancy Schimmel, storyteller/songwriter, will appear at the Crab Cove Regional Park, Alameda, on Sunday, July 16, 2 to 4 p.m.

Schimmel recently completed a lullaby CD with her company, Sisters' Choice, entitled "Speeny, Spawney, Go to the Moon," produced and arranged by Candy Forest.

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## Nanette

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wife, Sue (played by choreographer Pedri), he has been keeping not one but three honeys on the side in three cities. CCCT veteran John Dey, an Edward Herrmann lookalike, gets the zany mood just right as Jimmy, a guy who only wants everyone to be happy.

The Smiths keep tight rein on their would-be-flapper niece, Nanette (beautifully played and sung by Marle Gaines), who aspires to kick over the traces. She rejects pleas to marry her steady beau, Tom (Robby Moore), to stay "free and flirty 'til I'm thirty." But they damp the pert. It's always, No, no, Nanette.

Nanette's only ally is the cantankerous housekeeper, Pauline, played with sour good humor by the Junoesque Kathie Praml. Although he has no lines, Dallas McMurray is a winning dancer as Pauline's diminutive son.

Helping Jimmy out of his domestic mess, only to get him in deeper, is lawyer Billy Early (Rex Munoz), who,

as it happens, is married to Sue's best friend, Lucille (Jeanne Danielle Brooks).

So everyone's off to the boardwalk in Atlantic City where who should turn up but the honeys — Flora from Frisco (Anjee Norgaard), Betty from Boston (Cindy Kinnard) and Winnie from Washington (Mary Kidwell).

After some humorous, and logical, little twists and turns, everything works out in time for the big finale and they all live happily ever after.

Smashing drop-waist dresses, glittering gowns and gaudy blazers in the '20s mode are by costume designers Patino and Munoz. Especially stunning is the haute couture look shown off with savoir faire by Brooks, as the big spending shopper whose favorite people are Bergdorf and Goodman.

As pretty much expected, with *No, No, Nanette* the play is not the thing. It is at heart a musical revue which the CCCT puts on with heat-seeking verve and highly entertaining enthusiasm.

## Maria

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got to command these guys and you've got to say what they're going to play," she recalls. "And I did it."

The group went on to win first prize in a local contest and played dances, clubs and on radio. Since then, Maria has never worked as a sideman.

A real turning point arrived at age 14 when she heard Peterson's *West Side Story* record.

"The surprise (for me) was to see the beauty he played with at that moment was my concept of beauty ... the sound of the piano and the ways to go," Maria says. "In fact, I discovered that I was thinking I could play like this — not the same thing, but I can play in that direction."

From Peterson, she developed her nimble-fingered style required by complex rhythmic "montuno" (repetitive musical patterns) seen in Latin and Caribbean music. But she also credits as influences the 1950s Miles Davis and Wynton Kelly for his harmonies and Brazilian pianist Luiz Kidwell.

Despite two years of preparation for law degree, Maria left school to marry to pursue music and moved to São Paulo. In 1974, she moved to Paris to lead her own trio, *Yours*, what she calls a "Brazilian gig." As fate would have it, jazz guitarist Charlie Byrd heard her bring her to the attention of record label head Carl Jefferson.

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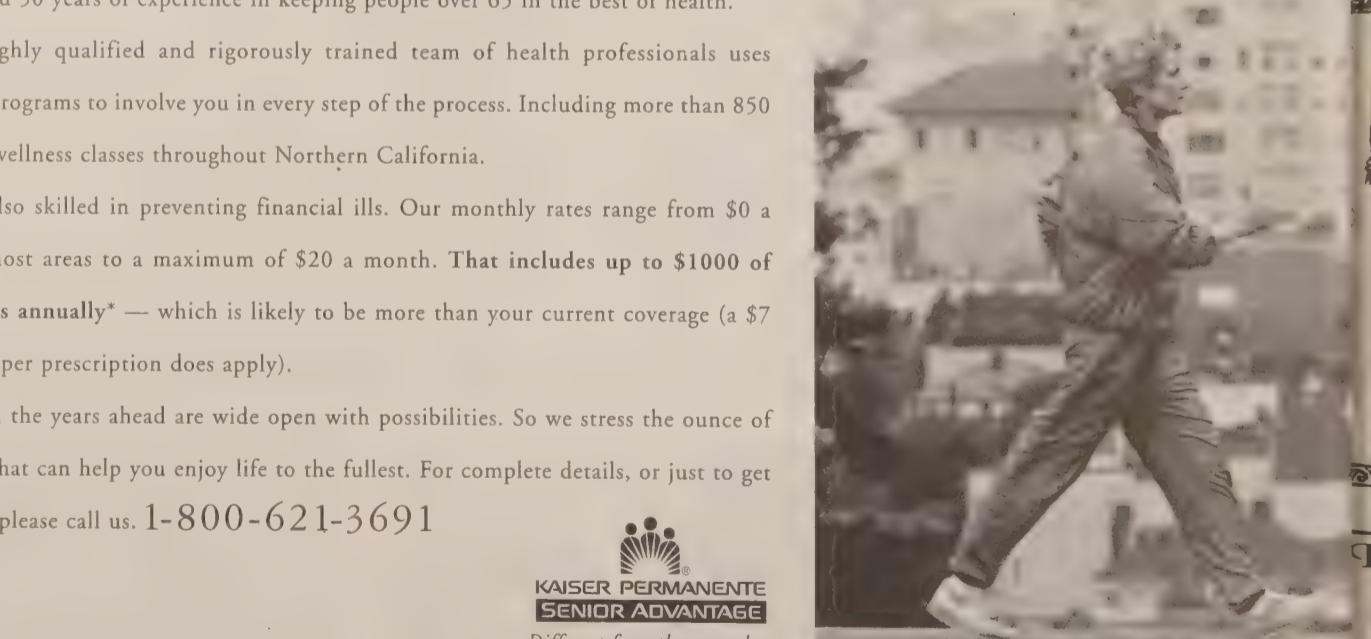


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hen Paul Brown wrote to me Otto Palombo, he listed the things the El Cerrito ent had done for the gunity. It was quite a list. When I went to interview elderly gentleman, I found was much more to him than of his activities. He was an interesting person with exciting stories to tell about his old times.

Palombo was born in Italy 1909. Later his father came to United States, and in 1920 his mother and sister came with him. He remembers the across the ocean well. It took days, and his mother was sick

the whole time. The ship ran out of coal in the Azores and had to stay there until more coal could be arranged. As a result, they ran out of food before they reached New York. They lived on soup and crackers for several days.

Then they reached New York — and Ellis Island.

Because his father had not filled out the papers properly Otto, his mother and sister spent 14 days on Ellis Island, including Christmas Day. It was not a happy time. They had to pay for their breakfasts, \$5 a day for the three of them. And his lips became infected and very swollen. Because he knew that

they would send him to a hospital if they found anything wrong, he hid from the officials. "Whenever I would see a nurse in a white coat, I would go to the bathroom."

It was Jan. 1 when they finally walked into New York.

The trip across the country was an adventure, and the three of them landed in Napa because father Palombo was employed at Mare Island. They moved to Shelby for a while, when his father worked for American Smelting, and then, in 1924, the family moved to Richmond.

Otto hated school because, having had algebra in the third grade in Italy, he thought school here was "so dumb."

Otto graduated from the eighth grade at Roosevelt Junior High School, and went to work.

He worked for a furniture manufacturing company in Oakland until the place burned down. In Garberville he worked on the home of Dorothy Devore, an aging motion picture actress.

Returning to Richmond for Christmas, he got into the insurance business. It was 1929, and he was handling property for

his insurance company. People were getting \$10 to \$15 a month for their homes, and glad to get that.

He quit insurance and went to work for Felice and Parelli Canning Company the first day it opened in Richmond. He was the superintendent of the warehouse, and worked night and day for \$120 a month. He stayed with F & P until 1936, and then went to work for the Richmond School District.

Otto stayed with the Richmond schools until his retirement in 1971, first as bus driver taking handicapped children to special classes; during the war as a mechanic in the garage; and when the district opened a warehouse, he was put in charge of it until 1950. Not long after that, and until his retirement, he was Director of Operations for the entire school district.

During this time he was also serving his community. He was on several committees and commissions in the City of El Cerrito for some eight years. For four years he was on the Board of Appeals. He spent 10 years on the

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



board of a special employees retirement system, some of the time as vice president.

Otto was appointed to two terms on the Contra Costa County Grand Jury, and was a member of the board of BART, and successfully lobbied for reduced BART fares for all senior citizens.

He was a pioneer member and director of Metro I Credit Union; was secretary for the Eagles for about 12 years, until he joined the Elks; and was so active in the Elks that he was presented with a life membership in that organization.

"I always enjoyed doing community things," he says.

And he enjoyed his marriage to Lena (called Lee), so much that they are celebrating their 65th anniversary this September.

They have one son. Sadly,

since his son Robert and his family live in Switzerland, they have grown apart, and he says he and his wife hardly know their grandchildren.

But Lee and Otto Palombo travel a great deal. In fact, they have celebrated several anniversaries while on cruises.

A rich and active life — Palombo is modest about it. "I always felt if I could help somebody, I always tried." A lovely philosophy to live by.

Thank you, Paul Brown, for writing to me about Otto Palombo. I enjoyed my visit with him.

And I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, organizations, etc., you know. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., no. 443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

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Andrea Mullarkey of Albany graduated *cum laude* from Belmont McKenna College. Mullarkey earned a bachelor of arts degree in religion.

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**OUT and ABOUT**

**By Frosene Phillips**

When Carol MacDermond lost her job this year, she quickly looked at new and different opportunities. In a gutsy and risky move, MacDermond decided to open a restaurant — a first time experience for her. The inspiration, however, is her aspiring chef/son Brent Sacrey. Sacrey currently is a student at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. By the end of the month, he will be immersed in the responsibilities of operating the kitchen at the Paradise Bar & Grill.

Located at 5356 College Ave. in Oakland, the site was formerly occupied by Elsina's Via Veneto. Renovations are underway and enthusiasm is in the air. "We will be staffed by students from the CCA," said dining room manager Tanya Hastings. Hastings is also a student in the program with a few months to go before completion.

"We'll be offering California cuisine with a Caribbean flair," said MacDermond. A tropical atmosphere along with pool tables, games and live music is the goal here. "We want it to be a neighborhood kind of place," she added.

With the exception of the food servers, most of the positions will be filled by the students according to Hastings. The staff consists of re-entry students primarily. While the spirit and dedication appear to be in the right place, the challenge now will be to live up to the demands that lie ahead.

The Paradise Bar & Grill is scheduled to open July 22.

**RESTAURANT BITES:** Rustica is coming to Montclair Village later this month. The popular College Avenue eatery celebrated its fifth anniversary last year and will now expand its operation to this neighborhood in the Oakland hills...Geoff Deetz doesn't have enough to do at his Speetro restaurant on Lakeshore Avenue so he's opening another Speetro inspired operation. Calaca at 1615 Clay St. in Oakland will open Aug. 1 and feature such Mexican items as alligator tacos and other tasty dishes...Piedmont House will also open this month. The former home of Piemonte Ovest is located at 3909 Grand Ave. in Oakland. Owners Robert and Karen Estzeno share a restaurant history that includes San Francisco's Prego and Splendido.

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**WEEKEND SCENE:** Peabo Bryson at Kimball's East...Cheo Conception Friday and Avance Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...The Jazz Doctors Thursday at Saysetha...Elaine Lust Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Jim Brown at Scott's...Ben Rubin Duo Wednesday and Jazmin Tro Thursday Clarion Suites Lake Merritt Hotel...West Express Friday and Gary Newman and Clifford Saturday at the Fat Lady.

Benny Velarde Superombo Friday, E.C. Scott Saturday and Linda Tillery & Friends Sunday at Yoshi's Nitespot...Alphabet Soup Friday and the Delta Wires Saturday in the Terrace Lounge at the Claremont Hotel...Hollywood & Co. with Beverly Watson Friday and Lloyd Gregory & Friends Saturday at the 5th Amendment...The Big Big What Nots Friday and Jim Carocompas Saturday at the Baltic.

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**COMEDY SCENE:** Mitch Mullany at the Punch Line Walnut Creek...Kevin Hughes at Tommy T's San Ramon...SAN FRANCISCO: Cathy Sorbo at the Punch Line...Ritch Shydner at Cobb's Comedy Club.

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MARTIN SNAPP

**The War Is Over:** Last Saturday a rookie Oakland policeman named Keith Konopasek was gunned down while making a routine traffic stop.

The next day I was walking along Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley when I spotted a street vendor selling T-shirts that said, "F--- the police!" (This being a family newspaper, I can't tell you what it really said, but I think you can guess.)

"Hey," I said, "what about the cop who got killed in Oakland last night?"

"Who cares?" the guy replied, laughing. "Pigs deserve what they get. Don't you remember what they did at People's Park?"

As it happens, I do remember. I was there. I saw the cops shoot James Rector. And I remember how they laughed, too, as if Rector was something less than human.

But this was more than 25 years ago. By my calculations, Konopasek was only 4 years old at the time. What does this have to do with him?

According to all accounts, Konopasek was a child of the '60s who joined the police for reasons that any flower child would approve of: He wanted to help people.

He never shot anyone. He never beat up a suspect. He never did anything that rogue cops are accused of.

His reward was to be shot in the back and to die in the street.

But that didn't mean anything to the T-shirt salesman. In his mind, Keith Konopasek was a cop, and that was reason enough to laugh at his death.

I wonder if that guy realizes how much he has come to resemble the thing he despises the most.

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But the folks on the left aren't the only ones who can't let go of the past. Listen to the howls coming from the right this week in the wake of Bill Clinton's decision to recognize Vietnam.

They clothe their arguments in a lot of emotional talk about MIAs, but that's just window dressing. Every serious student of the problem (including Republican Sen. John McCain, a former POW himself) admits that there probably aren't any American prisoners left after all this time.

No, they're mad for one reason only: Because Vietnam won and we lost.

It's hard for Americans — especially my generation — to admit that we lost a war. When we were growing up, we were taught that the good ol' US of A never loses.

Of course, if you look at the history books, that isn't strictly true. You'd be hard put to say we won the War of 1812 — not with both the Capitol and the White House being burned to the ground. At best, we escaped with a draw, and we were lucky to get it.

Then there was the Civil War. For half the country — the southern half — it was a defeat of catastrophic proportions.

But still we believed the myth of invincibility. It took Vietnam to prove that Uncle Sam is mortal, just like everybody else.

And we've never forgiven them for it. For 20 years, we've done everything we could to punish that tiny country. Never mind that it probably hurt us more than it hurt them.

I wish it had been a Republican president who finally made the move, just as it took Nixon to come to terms with China and Reagan to make a deal with Gorbachev.

But the Republicans have been so scared of their own right wing, they left it to Clinton, with his flawed war record, to do it.

To the war hawks who are screaming bloody murder over Clinton's decision, I say the same thing I said to the T-shirt salesman on Telegraph: The '60s are over. What's more, they've been over for 25 years. Get a life!

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**Extra Innings:** A few observations while watching Tuesday's All-Star Game:

• **Best Names:** Heathcliff Slocumb and Dante Bichette.

• **Best Nicknames:** Frank "Big Hurt" Thomas and Randy "Big Unit" Johnson. (I'm big on bigs.)

• **Worst Fashion Statement:** The trend toward tight pants. Somebody tell these guys that it isn't very flattering. Especially on a body like Lenny Dykstra's.

• **Most Obvious Reason Why Baseball Is So Boring:** TV. Or, more precisely, TV schedules, which force games to be scheduled at twilight so they can run during prime time in the Eastern time zone.

Problem is, it's darn near impossible to see a baseball at twilight, let alone hit it.

Take Tuesday's game. The hitters couldn't do anything until the middle innings, when the lights went on. By that time, most of the country had given up and switched to "Love Connection."

So will baseball wise up and tell the networks to stuff it? No way. Expecting the owners to quit lust after TV money is like expecting Steve Howe to quit snorting coke.

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## Fracas

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sue of California law," said La Force. After progressing through a hierarchy of several Sierra Club committees, final approval to file the brief was given June 26, said La Force.

In the amicus brief, the Sierra Club wanted to focus on the policies behind the California Environmental Quality Act more than on the specific facts of the cardroom case, said Pierce. The City of Albany has said it was not required by CEQA law to do an environmental review of the cardroom proposal just to put the issue before voters, and that it will do the review once La Force actually applies for permits.

But both La Force and members of the Citizens for Responsible Government have said that the city is creating a loophole that sets a dangerous precedent for developers to abuse CEQA laws. City Attorney Zweben

said that La Force politicized a small insider group of the Sierra Club to approve the amicus brief on environmental grounds, but that La Force is in fact motivated by non-environmental concerns, what Zweben called "an antipathy for gambling."

"Norman La Force has been personally opposed to the cardroom since its very inception," said Zweben. La Force is "using his influence in the Sierra Club to get a small group of people to file an amicus brief," Zweben said prior to the July 11 decision.

But La Force said the Sierra Club's decision to file the brief was not made by an small clique. "This has gone through multiple levels of review and a formal, rigorous process," said La Force. "About 45 people have had some sort of role in the decision."

Zweben, however, said many Sierra Club members feel the environmental benefits of the cardroom "are enormous," citing himself and two Albany City Coun-

cil members as Sierra Club members.

The cardroom development agreement Ladbrooke to purchase land for and develop a pedestrian path along the waterfront, a project desired by many local residents.

The Sierra Club skirmish is not the first in the lawsuit contingent. On March 29 the Ladbrooke asked the court in a demurrer to dismiss the lawsuit as having no legal grounds, and on Judge Sandra Margulies dismissed four of the eight causes of action. The claims that survived violation of CEQA and of Albany's own ordinance, Measure C; inconsistency with general plan; and failure to act in accordance with regional welfare.

The City of Albany, which has forecast a budget for the year 2000, stands to gain as much as \$100,000 per year in tax revenue from the cardroom.

## Transit

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vice must be provided during the same hours as fixed route service and must be located within 3/4 of a mile of any fixed bus route or any BART station.

The government regulations also give responsibility for the provision of paratransit services to the major transit providers. In the East Bay, that means AC Transit and BART. Until now, such services have been provided by cities; in El Cerrito's case, as several residents pointed out, the program has been considered to be effective and successful. Though some suggested leaving administration of the program to the cities as a proven provider, the law will not allow for that, according to AC Transit representative Francis Masson.

Masson also told the audience that service must be provided to any qualified persons for any length and type of trip and that the agencies must fully comply with the ADA by January of 1997.

The length or purpose of the trip, how many trips a customer has taken that day or month, the rider's age or income are all irrelevant, he said. Those who qualify for ADA eligibility will not be limited in distance or number of trips; they can use the eligibility with any paratransit service in the U.S.

At the same time, some needs will not be met.

Center director Ellen Paasch questioned Masson at one point.

"I've always been concerned with keeping people well and independent," she said. "Now that you're encouraging ADA certification...we have a lot of older adults who will not get service, many of whom are in this building today."

In response, Masson said he wished to speak personally and not as a representative of AC Transit.

"There is a difference between law and need," he

said. "The ADA was intended to address need, but it did it by means of law.

"...We will be as generous as our resources allow...but the law was not written with (maintaining independence) in mind."

While mandating for fully equivalent services for those who cannot use the available public transportation — services that will now significantly increase, some current riders will no longer be eligible.

"So a hale, hearty adult who lives in a poor area of town and is afraid to go out at night... is specifically excluded (from eligibility for paratransit service) in the ADA operations manual."

"That hurts me to the bottom of my soul," he said.

While Masson said several times that perhaps 95 to 98 percent of those who have already applied for ADA eligibility have been approved for either full or conditional service, he also noted that some current paratransit riders will lose service. The percentages, he noted, only relate to those who have applied; the number of those persons who don't apply because they are certain they don't qualify is not known. (Applications will be mailed to all current users.)

Mary Rowlands addressed the audience on behalf of the East Bay Paratransit Consortium, which is composed of both AC Transit and BART representatives. Rowlands said the consortium will be recommending a fare structure for paratransit rides based on length of trip. In fiscal year 1996, when the service is proposed to be in full swing, trips under eight miles will cost \$1.75, those eight to 24 miles will cost \$3.50, and those over 24 miles, \$5.25.

The next year, prices are proposed to rise to \$2.44 and \$6, respectively. In FY '98, staff proposes rises to \$2.25, \$4.50 and \$6.75.

Rowlands said the cost of long trips may actually be

less than a person would now spend — taking a bus to San Francisco, then arranging alternate transportation to the UC medical center, for example.

Currently, disabled riders and seniors ride monthly for fixed route service (regular bus and bus routes). Paratransit fares, however, are now at a federal level to be double the regular, not the disabled fare.

According to Masson, fares currently are less than 20 percent of the true cost of any trip.

Dan Freudenthal, a member of El Cerrito's commission on Aging and an advocate for seniors, said during the meeting that many people would be able to afford the new fares. Following the meeting, Freudenthal praised the community presentation of information, no matter how disturbing. The companies, he believes, are in a real dilemma.

"I don't think the country can afford to subsidize any service any more — or it won't, given the leadership," said Freudenthal. "We can afford the service, but many cannot. The sad thing is that forgotten people will still be forgotten. That's a spot."

"What to do about it is the major dilemma in this country — as far as all community services concerned."

Continuous cuts don't present much hope for Freudenthal, who looks to another.

"The American leadership and the voter (work together) on this issue — and not hands," he said. "Of course, we disagree on things."

"We have to gather our allies and fight for need."

## La Force

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jeet was first discussed at council.

La Force approaches the whole theater issue in what he believes is its historical context.

"The city has been searching for ways to improve the commercial vitality of El Cerrito," he said. "In the past, the city has not been a place people have wanted to come to locate business; one of the purposes of redevelopment is to provide that kind of atmosphere in terms of land assemblage and other types of benefits that make it worthwhile for someone to come here."

With the development of Target, Home Depot and Del Norte Place, La Force believes there has been a perceptible change in the way the outside business community views El Cerrito. We saw that with the other proposals that have come in: FoodsCo, Smart and Final, even Walgreens," he said. Now, La Force said, El Cerrito "is sort of... in the position where people are coming to us with ideas rather than (ourselves) trying to find things that would work."

At the same time, he said, the commercial portion of Del Norte Place, unlike the residential portion, is not filled to capacity, and John Stewart is looking for help from the city in improving the area's general situation.

Noting that he and Bartke came to council service through Project Listen, he defended his approach to development in the city.

"What I and other council members heard over and over again when walking the community and knocking on doors during our campaigns and since is, 'I'd like a good bakery; why can't we have a Peet's coffee or a Starbucks, why can't we have good record stores?'

"There is a demand... in this community for a (new) kind of commercial atmosphere... The reality is, those kinds of businesses don't go where there isn't a level of business activity that (makes them feel confident) their business is going to succeed."

La Force sees the issue as a creation of economic synergy; it's one reason he's historically been against big box retail projects which tend to function on their own. A theater complex, he believes, will create that kind of synergy, bringing along cafes, bakeries and other surrounding businesses.

La Force also addressed the issue of commercial development vs. the preservation of a quiet residential town. In post-Prop. 13 California, he said, that kind of preservation isn't completely possible.

"You have to be able to adapt to the changing economic conditions," he said. "In an urban area nothing stays the same; you have to create a community that can thrive and regenerate and rejuvenate itself so it can live."

Aside from communities that were "affluent to begin with," he said, communities that haven't adapted don't survive."

For all those reasons, he said, the council has been interested in Oewel's project, which he believes will help get his own mixed use project off the ground.

Since the city's only direct commitment would be to sell the land, "it's an exciting proposal that promises a lot of benefits to the city," said La Force. "It also creates a tremendous business synergy, (one) that the people of El Cerrito have said they wanted."

La Force did defend the council's approach to the project and its commitment to public participation noting that in January, when it first heard the proposal, a number of questions and concerns were submitted to Oewel, including general questions about traffic and noise. The council also explored El Cerrito Plaza's interest in having such a theater. While the Emporium and Long's were open to the idea, he said, "Mr. Bilak, as the one owner of the Plaza who would be in a position to go ahead... expressed no interest."

In March, AMC and Oewel came back with more

numbers; the city entered into a negotiating agreement.

"In the next six months, we are willing to commit to Oewel and AMC, committing our resources and investigating (the) idea. Right now, we're waiting for them to come to us with a more flushed out proposal."

I think I'd be remiss in my duty on the council if I looked at a proposal that promises or offers many citizen requests and said (out of hand), it's too big, you can't make it work, go away.

As for the process by which a decision will be made, La Force first noted that "three committees will have a say in this, according to the roles they've been assigned," pointing to the Commission, Design Review Board and Residential Advisory Committee and their committee members.

All those meetings are public, he noted, opportunities for people to come and discuss the issue.

The environmental analysis is a critical part of the process. That analysis does not begin until the city has submitted an application to the commission. A scoping session during which members of the public state the areas they believe should be in any report. A draft report is usually available to the public within 45 days in order to provide time for written comment; responses are made to all in the final report. That report is discussed and approved or disapproved by the city council.

"All this presupposes that you have a sense of the findings and details on the project that merits an award," he said.

The theater proposal is not the only new development contemplated by the city. At the same time, La Force said, projects in the north end of the city have made that area "more interesting to the future." Now, he said, the city has to determine how to get more interest in the south end of town.

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## Scout

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Valley College. That's been an exciting venture, too. As an end-of-English class reward, the class is heading to Ashland, Oregon, where they'll see six plays in four days.

Nakahara's major interest, however, is sports medicine. Over the years, she's participated in both dance and basketball — she'll play tennis in the fall. Having been injured several times, she became fascinated with how injury and healing works and wants to pursue sports medicine as a profession.

"Basically, I had enough injuries that I began to figure out what had happened," she said. "I just got interested."

Nakahara has a good track record in meeting the goals she sets for herself. She tested out of her last year of high school when she was 16 and started college last year.

Hopefully, it will provide her the same kinds of experiences she's received in Scouting.

"Girl Scouts gave me new opportunities, different experiences," she said. "It gave me a chance to meet new people and to show younger kids what I've learned. Basically," she said, "Girl Scouts opens new doors."

Nakahara's Gold Award ceremony will be held at the Sycamore Congregational Church, 1111 Navelier St., at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22.

## Letters

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community.

I have spoken to several hundred close neighbors about this issue. All were utterly opposed to the gigantic mega-theater. I have queried dozens of less closely involved people, most recently a police officer in Pinole, and also a dog-walking companion who happens to be the husband of a San Pablo city official. Invariably the response is "... Are they nuts?" or "... They must be out of their minds."

Two additional points:

1. In yesterday's *San Francisco Chronicle* (July 6), the Datebook section has a lead article headlined "The Multiplex Goes Downtown." This is about a theater one-fifth the size of what is proposed for Del Norte, to serve 60,000 office workers in downtown San Francisco, and they offer validated parking. Need one say more?

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## New hills home pays homage to Arts and Crafts movement

MacArthur puts together early 20th-century style with day's modern conveniences

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20th century did not debut. After reigning longer than British monarch, Queen Victoria left the stage in 1901. same year, an assassin's bullet abruptly changed the American political scene: exit President McKinley, enter 42-year-old Roosevelt as the country's first chief executive. The United States Steel Company, the American Can Company, and the Monsanto Chemical Company all stepped before spotlights.

stock market panic, fueled by the railroads, almost put the house down — literally.

architectural about-face in the gaudy decadence of the Art Nouveau era returned designers to a simpler time in American history.

around 1890, the Colonial Revival movement appeared on the scene as the harbinger of change. A plethora of Colonial Revival ages and houses, many with

their columned porches and single-dormer windows staring from hipped roofs, still grace many East Bay neighborhoods. Oakland's Dunsuir House stands as the East Bay's premier Colonial Revival mansion.

Then, rejecting any false decoration, from the "gingerbread" on the Queen Anne style homes to the more somber decorative pilaster strips found on many Colonial Revival designs, the Craftsman style entered the stage and a new tone was set for the American architectural scene.

This new style, which originated in a broader Arts and Crafts movement, redefined aesthetics based on the use of natural materials.

Beauty was expressed by the use of unpainted wood as shingles, clapboarding, exposed beams and unadorned porch posts.

Elegance was presented as undressed stone for foundations and porch walls. Clinker bricks, rejects from the kiln, and cobblestones, with their rounded shapes

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A key element of the Craftsman style is the covered porch. The Buckingham house has a front porch which acts as an entryway and greeting place; a second off the dining room that can be used to eat outdoors; and one off the master bedroom that was traditionally used as a sleeping porch.



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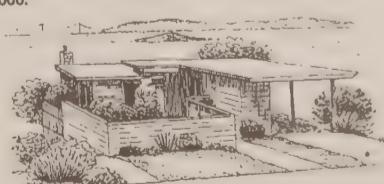
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A free seminar entitled **Rehabilitate for Profit**, on Thursday, July 13, 7-9 p.m., will highlight the strategies and mechanics of the FHA 203K loan program. Presented by Wausau Mortgage, the seminar will take place at 11876 Dublin Blvd. (Heritage Park Conference Center). Call Barry Cass or Charles Patton at 803-2281 for reservations and directions.

CMG Mortgage presents a free **Real Estate Financing Workshop** Sat., July 15, 10 a.m.-noon at 1029 Solano Ave., Albany. Learn how to minimize closing costs, pmi vs. no-pmi loans, points vs. no-point choices. Other topics include: lender

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The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents two classes on Sat., July 15: **Painting: Tricks of the Trade**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$75; and **Framing Carpentry Hands-On Workshop**, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$180. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

Realtor Barbara Hendrickson exhibits her collection of paintings **Searching for Sisters, Finding Friends**, through July 16 at the ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents a five-day **Finish Work Hands-On**

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Custom Financial Services presents a four-hour workshop entitled **Home Ownership, A Reality of the '90s**, Sat., July 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 262 Grand Ave., Oakland. Topics to be discussed include: negotiating techniques; 25 mistakes that home owners make with real estate; mortgage assistance and special home buyer programs; removing negative credit information; purchasing bank-owned properties

at below market prices; and low and no downpayment programs. To register call 444-2100.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents two classes on Sat., July 22: **Drywall Finishes Hands-On Workshop**, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$45; and **Earthquake Retrofitting Fundamentals**, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$75. Registration required. Call 525-7610.

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The Institute of Real Estate Management will sponsor **Managing Real Estate as an Investment**, Course 400, August 5-11 at the

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The Berkeley Community Center, a non-profit organization which provides legal services to low-income people, Tenant's Rights Clinic, Aug. 10, 1 p.m., at the Noyes Senior Center, 1901 Berkeley. Call 548-4040 for information.

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But this path is fraught with many pitfalls. It is easy to miss things when you purchase and then find there is a lot more work to be done than you thought.

You start pulling away stucco and find the dry rot continuing up the side of the house until you think it will never end. Or you start what you thought was a minor leveling job and all the walls crumble.

It's equally easy to get carried away when remodeling and to use high quality materials and put in

high quality fixtures and find your costs growing way beyond the ability of the market to repay you.

Don't forget to figure in the costs of owning the house while you do the work (principal and interest on the mortgage, plus your property taxes and insurance) which you will not be able to offset by renting it out, and the costs of selling the house once it's finished.

If you intend to live in the house you are fixing up for a number of years, then, by all means do the best work you can afford. You will reap the benefits of living in a nice house and later, if you're lucky, the market will have risen enough so that you can get your money back and perhaps make a profit.

But don't take the concept of fixing up old houses for profit for granted. Read some of the good books on this subject and take some classes before you rush into anything.

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13856 CAMPUS	- Ridgemont	- Contemporary - 3BD, 2BA with landscaped grounds overlooking regional Parklands - dramatic canyon view. Elegant master suite - level out to back & spa.	SHERRY BENNINGER	\$379,000
4903 STONERIDGE CT	- Ridgemont	- Just listed. 3BD, 2.5BA, landscaped grounds - private setting. Contemporary with vaulted ceilings. Dining room opens to back yard.	SHERRY BENNINGER	\$325,000
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4743 DUNKIRK	- Lovely Starter	- 3BD, 2BA ranch style in desirable Grass Valley neighborhood. Beautiful hardwood floors, fireplace & patio.	RUTH LOCKHART	\$221,000
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PIEDMONT	\$569,000	HEART OF MONTCLAIR	\$209,000
Charming Cape Cod in sought after location. Separate studio with exterior access, great for home office. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths.	George Karsant	Walk to many conveniences. Well kept 3BD, 2BA, level out to rear patio, 2 car garage.	George Karsant
SAN FRANCISCO VIEWS	\$459,000	DIMOND DISTRICT	\$179,000
Stunning new contemporary with soaring ceilings, 3BD, 2.5BA, gourmet kitchen, family room & gorgeous master suite. Price reduced!	Darcy Diamantine	Craftsman bungalow with old world charm. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home off Lincoln. Near shops & transportation.	Dell M. Orr
MONTCLAIR	\$309,000	PIEDMONT AVE - SPACIOUS TRAD	\$179,000
Just listed. Ton of bang for the buck. 3BD, 2.5BA, family room, dining room, office & more. 15 years young with level yard. A must see.	Dell M. Orr	Immaculately maintained 3BD, 2BA with many upgrades. Large finished attic, wood floors, large yard with fruit trees.	Vicky Faulk
CROCKER HIGHLANDS	\$299,000	LAUREL	\$175,000
Two story traditional. Beautiful remodeled kitchen, spacious bedroom, large upside yard with greenhouse. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths.	Adriana Giacometti	2 bedroom, 1 bath home with pool, double garage & rum-pus room that could be a 3rd bedroom. Low maintenance landscaping.	Donna De Bardi
CHABOT HIGHLANDS	\$267,000	UNIQUE 2 STORY TOWNHOUSE STYLE CONDO	\$149,000
3BD, 2BA ranch with a great view of canyons and south bay. Remodeled kitchen and family room. Deck and hot tub. Close to parks.	Ruth Lockhart	Delightful 3BD, 1.5BA, updated and well maintained. Spacious & bright.	Donna Ranslem
6137 La Salle Ave., Oakland	339-1174	OAKLAND	\$149,000
6137 La Salle Ave., Oakland	339-1174	SF bay view - new kitchen, carpets & roof. Large yard, 4BD, 2BA & rum-pus! Great value.	Judy Rankanican

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CLAREMONT COURT ESTATE

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## Area Home Sales

### ALAMEDA

1109 Buena Vista Ave. - \$103,500  
1025 Doris Ct. - \$188,500  
1709 Lafayette St. - \$185,000  
61 Maitland Dr. - \$184,000  
2421 Marti Rae Ct. - \$148,000  
1220 Pearl St. - \$217,500  
1328 Pearl St. - \$250,000

### BERKELEY

1101 Arch St. - \$260,000  
2731 California St. - \$146,000  
1467 Cornell Ave. - \$175,000  
1179 Delaware St. - \$280,000  
35 Hazel Rd. - \$479,000  
40 Hillcrest Rd. - \$379,000  
1461 Keoncrest Dr. - \$215,000  
2338 M L King Jr Way - \$155,000  
2615 Telegraph Ave. 404 - \$173,500  
2634 Virginia St. - \$158,000

### EL CERRITO

1402 Atwell Dr. - \$292,000  
820 Elm St. - \$105,000  
2325 Harvard St. - \$462,000  
1719 Julian Ct. - \$210,000  
1754 Liberty St. - \$125,000  
2041 Tapscott Ave. - \$288,000

### EL SOBRANTE

3960 Charles Ave. - \$144,000

### OAKLAND

67 Agnes St. - \$147,000  
6633 Armour Dr. - \$230,000  
5450 Bacon Rd. - \$520,000  
2780 Bellaire Pl. - \$153,000  
3048 Carlsen St. - \$140,000  
33 Castle Ln. - \$404,000  
26 Cathy Ln. - \$699,000  
5856 Chabot Ct. - \$215,000  
125 Chadbourn Way - \$328,000  
3124 Champion St. - \$132,500  
2837 Coolidge Ave. - \$145,000  
2074 Drake Dr. - \$220,500  
9 El Carmelo Circle - \$246,000  
6725 Elverton Dr. - \$446,000  
4134 Gilbert St. - \$221,500  
5202 Harbord Dr. - \$270,000  
3051 Parker Ave. - \$169,000  
5224 Redondo Ave. - \$217,500  
8481 Skyline Blvd. - \$303,000  
1690 Trestle Glen Rd. - \$307,500

### PIEDMONT

148 Ricardo Ave. - \$385,000  
220 St. James Dr. - \$830,000

### SALES STATS BY CITY

#### ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$103,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$250,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$182,357

#### BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$146,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$479,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$242,050

#### EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$462,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$247,000

### EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$144,000

### OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 20  
LOWEST PRICE: \$132,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$699,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$275,725

### PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$385,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$830,000  
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162 DRACENA AVENUE NEW LISTING! \$649,500  
Classic Colonial. Sunny and updated 4 bedrooms/2 baths. Adjacent to Dracena Park. MARCIA NEBEL

20 PROSPECT ROAD  
Charming traditional home 3 bdrm/2+ bath. Close to Piedmont Park. MINDY SCOTT

### OAKLAND

Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

6036 WOOD DRIVE \$895,000  
Fab. views, gardens, terraces & private retreats. Mstr suite w/bath. Authentic speakeasy. 4/4+. ELIZABETH DICKSON

2821 CHELSEA DRIVE NEW LISTING!  
NEW LISTING! Sunny and updated 4 bedrooms/2 baths. Adjacent to Dracena Park. MARCIA NEBEL

6076 MAZUELA DRIVE \$886,000  
Bay views! Beautiful new home. Trad. floor plan. New estate community. 3,800 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms/3.5 baths. ED KUO

3750 LAKESHORE AVENUE  
Master bdrm w/bath. Second floor offers 2 bdrm/2+ bath. Au-pair w/separate entrance. ANIAN TUNNEY

6410 FERNHOFF ROAD \$728,000  
Level remodeled 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/pool. On 1.06 acres. Creative financing KURT BUCHHOLZ

1105 HOLLYWOOD AVENUE  
Live in and enjoy! A home w/ an income unit. Fabulous Hardwood floors. Large formal dining room. HELEN

6331 ACACIA AVENUE NEW LISTING! \$569,000  
Gracious traditional. 4 bdrms/2.5 baths. Family room, level yard and view. JOHN KARNAY

6523 ESTATES DRIVE NEW PRICE!  
Spectacular canyon views. Living & dining room w/ fireplace. Master suite. ANIAN TUNNEY/MARCIA NEBEL

800 LONGRIDGE ROAD \$629,000  
Gracious living and dining rooms. 4 plus bedrooms. Private garden in a natural setting SUSAN VEIT/ANIAN TUNNEY

6451 COLTON BLVD.  
Montclair Contemporary. Level-in with City views. 3+ bath. downstairs bonus room MARCIA NEBEL

4840 PROCTOR AVENUE \$499,000  
Rockridge New Tuscan Style w/bay view. 4 bdrm/3 ba & family rm. Just reduced! Great opportunity! DEBRA DRYDEN

5930 MERRIEWOOD  
Delightful and sunny hideaway. Private setting. Great hot tub. 3 bdrm/2.5 bath SUSANNE PAUL

5617 LA SALLE AVENUE \$449,000  
Remodeled charming home in the trees. 4 bedrooms/4+ baths including au-pair suite. ELIZABETH DICKSON

1016 BULLARD DRIVE  
Quiet & close to the Village. Spacious & open living. 3 bdrm/3 bath. Pool. 3 bdrm/2.5 bath ANGELA WEI GRUBB

1078 UNDERHILLS ROAD NEW LISTING! \$429,500  
Gracious 3 story traditional home. 4 bedrooms. Spacious family room-gorgeous garden. SHERRI W. OAKLEY

223 SANTA ROSA AVENUE ROSE GARDEN  
See the light! 7 years old. Open central staircase, very spacious. 3 bedrooms. 2.5 baths. DEBRA DRYDEN

2733 DARNBY DRIVE \$419,000  
REDUCED PRICE! Like new! 3 bedrooms/2 baths w/cook's kitchen, home office, level yard. JOHN KARNAY

4156 MONTGOMERY STREET  
Walk to Piedmont Avenue. Charming home w/3+ bath. rec room. Level spacious yard. ELIZABETH

### PIEDMONT

#### By Appointment

MEDITERRANEAN VILLA \$2,850,000  
Almost 2 acres including pool, tennis court, 6 bedrooms/5+ and one-half baths. Architectural detail including 14' ceilings in living room & gourmet kitchen. ANIAN TUNNEY

CENTRAL PIEDMONT  
Huge price reduction! Huge house! 5 bdrm/3 bath plus playroom, home office, library, pool & more! SANDRA VON

MEDITERRANEAN CHARM \$1,275,000  
Gracious living & dining, 4/2.5, rumpus. Spacious level

Walk to schools & Pied. rec. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

EUROPEAN ELEGANCE \$1,275,000  
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Pristine traditional, central Piedmont, 3+bed/3ba. Doubt

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English cottage in central Piedmont. Leaded windows, hardwood floors. One of a kind! ELIZABETH DICKSON

LOVELY TRADITIONAL  
Formal mrs & sunny kitchen, level out to garden. Extra space, 2+bed/1+ba. JANE INCH

PRICE SLASHED!  
Excellent location for schools and commute. Move-in 3 bed/2 ba. KATHERINE COOPER

JUST LISTED!  
3 bedroom, 2 bath, level out from large kitchen to garden. Price! JOSEPHINE O'SHAUGHNESSY

ENGLISH TUDOR \$1,025,000  
On nearly 1/3 acre. Living rm w/Cathedral ceilings. kitchen w/ breakfast nook, library. 3bdrm/3ba. MARION SCHWARTZ

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3 bedrooms/2.5 baths. SHERRI WILLSON OAKLEY

### OAKLAND

#### By Appointment

LUSH TRANQUIL ESTATE \$1,195,000  
Gracious 6 year old home on 1.23 acre estate property. 5+ bedrooms, private pool & spa. JOHN KARNAY

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MEDITERRANEAN WITH VIEW \$1,195,000  
Spacious 4bdrm/2.5 bath. New construction nearing completion. Elegant finishing touches. SUSANNE PAUL

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ROCKRIDGE JEWELI \$539,000  
Bay views! 5 bdrm/3.5 bath. Frml living and dining. Rumpus room & au-pair bdrm on lower level. KAREN STARR

PRIVACY AND VIEW!  
3bdrm/3 bath. Library w/ fireplace w/ floor to ceiling bookshelves. Pool & tennis privileges. KAREN STARR

SECLUDED RETREAT \$499,000  
Level-in, 4 plus bdrms/4.5 baths, room for extended family. Located on 1 acre. JOHN KARNAY

HISTORIC BROWN SHINGLE

MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY \$479,000  
Price reduced on this fabulous home w/ 4 bdrms/2+ baths and landscaped grounds. MINDY SCOTT

Enchantment of the Craftsman era, stained glass, two rose garden and original woodwork. JUDY CAIN

IMMACULATE TRIPLEX IN LAUREL NEW LISTING! Two 2 bedroom units and one 3 bed

bath, perfect for owner occupied. Extensive remodeled street. ED KUO

PIEDMONT AVENUE DUPLEX NEW LISTING!  
Walk to Piedmont Avenue. A wonderful duplex-comfortable Sun

in unit and extra studio space. DONALD GRUBB JR

EXTENDED FAMILY LIVING  
Spacious home in Crocker School district. 4 bdrms/2+ bath. separate spaces. Newer kitchen. JOHN KARNAY.

GLENVIEW'S BEST VALUE!

JUST LISTED! Spacious well maintained home. Renovated kitchen and baths. SUSAN VEIT

STYLISH BUNGALOW

Stylish bungalow, craftsman charmer, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Enchanting garden, Wisteria arbor and garage. JUDY CAIN

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### BERKELEY

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190 ALVARADO ROAD  
Mediterranean Villa on almost 2 acres including pool, tennis court, 6 bedrooms, 5.5 baths. Original architectural details

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urban retreat. ANIAN TUNNEY/NANCY ROTHMAN

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# MASON-McDUFFIE...Welcome Home

## OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

**W PIEDMONT LISTING!** \$575,000 Located on one of the most desirable tree-lined streets, this home offers 4BR, 3BA including master suite & au pair, and gourmet kitchen. PATTI EDMONDS 428-0900

**STANDING CONTEMPORARY** \$529,000 Unique, unique home in a private yet convenient location. One of a kind! MILLIORS 339-9290, 869-4233

**PIEDMONT WITH POTENTIAL** \$529,000 We reduced! Large home with lovely oak floors, trad & DR, kit/fam rm w/ frpl, 3BR including master plus large rumpus & room to grow! Motivated seller will carry 2nd for qualified buyer. NANCY LEHRKIND 428-0900, 653-8092

**AMBIA BEYOND BELIEF** \$429,000 A dramatic Crocker tudor will steal your heart! Truly unique 4BR, FDR, dining, many special features. Open 7/16 1895 Rosemount. LOLORES THOM 763-1710, 834-2010

**ARE & ELEGANT DUPLEX** \$395,000 Architecturally compelling oversized 2BR flats. Rare old world detailing! Style here! Huge sunken LR's, sculpted places. Like 2 homes. Nothing like it! MARK 428-0900, 893-5030

**AVAIL 1/3 ACRE** \$385,000 Scenic bay view from this cul-de-sac in Oakland's Piedmont Pines neighborhood. A superior piece of property! J. DUNN 339-8888, 869-4215

**QUISITE CRAFTSMAN** \$379,000 Original architectural details, beam ceilings, built-ins, window seats, wainscoting & more. 3BR, 3BA + au pair, large kitchen & lovely garden. Crocker school. ELLIE GORDON 428-0900, 273-9219

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**MONTCLAIR BEST BUY** \$318,000 This treasure on a private lane. 3BR, 2BA plus large bonus. Quality and privacy throughout. MILLIORS 339-9290, 869-4233

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**INSIST ON THE BEST** \$265,500 A new addition brings out the best of this fine home. Many charming features, including lrg fam rm, private deck off master, sun porch & charming breakfast nook. C. BOZE 339-9290, 530-3303

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**BERKELEY BEAUTY** \$145,000 Open Sun. 2-4. Cute cottage set back from street, 2BR, 1BA. Nice deck for entertaining, a lot of charm in a cozy package. KEVIN TANNAHILL 526-5143

## WEST COUNTY

**KENSINGTON CUSTOM BUILT** \$369,000 10 year old 3BR, 2.5BA quality home, designed with sweeping views over Kensington to SF and the bay. Relax and enjoy. SALLY MADDEN 526-5143

**DISTINGUISHED STARTER!** \$299,000 West Kensington area! Walk to shops & school! 2BR/1BA formal dining! Hdwd flrs! Great condition! Attached garage! MCRAE 845-0211

**SPECIAL KENSINGTON VALUE!** \$249,000 Spacious & sunny 3+BR, 2BA home. Plus room can be 4th BR or office. Wonderful SF & bay views! Hdwd flrs. Large, level, landscaped yard. Large basement. PHILIPPA 526-5143, 644-5211

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# Holes where the rain gets in

Number 105 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

about living in houses.

The other day I saw a magazine article about a house two friends redid in Wisconsin. The house, built about the time of the Civil War, had been unoccupied and crumbling for 50 years before the owners bought it to use as their summer home. They made repairs but kept the structure much as they'd found it because, they explained, "We didn't feel we should intrude too much on what existed."

Standing on the sidewalk, we could see that the roof has broken down into layers of mush. From inside the living room, we could look through to the sky. The wood

they did not install indoor plumbing nor did they remove the old sheet linoleum a previous owner had laid on the floors of the main rooms. They stripped the tattered wallpaper but did nothing else to the plaster walls, preferring to see the shadowy patterns made by the lath underneath.

I liked knowing about this house, and especially enjoyed something one owner said: "I think we've succeeded in befriending our house." Nice thought, nice word, "befriending," just what I hope I am doing to my own house.

But not everyone feels the same. Some people are more able, more interested in making friends with the places where they live. Others just live in their houses, do nothing to change them from the way they got them. They don't see their surroundings, or they do but they're busy with other things. This is fine. There aren't any rules

floors have buckled, pieces of plaster hang by threads, walls are spotted with mildew.

Did the owner have buckets and pans all over the place for drips, we wonder? Why wasn't the roof replaced? Was the owner crazy or had no money or what?

Maybe the owner chose to live in the house the way it was. Maybe he or she didn't pay attention to the problem for a long time, and then decided it didn't matter, or that it was too late.

The house still worked, still provided some shelter. Even with



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all that water pouring in, the doors and windows would still close and lock. The floors were wavy but had no holes. The lights and plumbing still turned on and off. It is possible that the owner found the house acceptable.

How people live in their houses is something we've been talking about lately because we've heard from several worried homeowners. They told us they'd like to sell, but they can't because things are in such a mess. The roof leaks or the plumbing is clogged up or they've collected so many belongings that they can't get to the walls to paint them.

One woman mentioned one of our columns, her favorite, she said, a story of a man who had made no repairs to his house in the 20 years he'd lived there. When the downstairs toilet leaked and rotted out the floor, he just closed the door and stopped using that toilet.

Our caller remembered this

See HOLE, next page

# PACIFIC UNION RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

## HOMES OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

139 SHERIDAN ROAD, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/3BA.....	\$829,000	\$329,000
Reduced! Gracious 3700 sq ft villa on huge lot, gardens. Sandi Klemmer		
2745 BUTTERS DR., JOAQUIN MILLER - 4BD/4+BA.....	\$569,000	\$299,000
Nearly new! 5,000 sq ft contemp on quiet cul-de-sac. Sandi Klemmer		
6801 GUNN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....	\$499,000	\$299,000
New listing! Beautiful oak kit, family rm, huge level yard. Chuck Corwin		
5859 PINEWOOD ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....	\$460,000	\$245,000
New listing! New const with traditional flair, large lot. Bonnie Hirsch		
1414 WEST VIEW, BERKELEY - 3BD/3BA.....	\$449,500	\$245,000
New listing! Grt Claremont Hills loc, new const, pano views. Patty Scott		
1814 TRESTLE GLEN, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2+BA.....	\$439,000	\$245,000
Updated traditional, hdwd flrs, freshly painted in & out. Connie Rogers		
825 OXFORD, NORTH BERKELEY - 4BD/2+BA.....	\$435,000	\$245,000
New listing! Remarkable ms stte, bay view, plus rm, yard. Joanna Gould		
6166 MATHIEU AVE., UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/3BA.....	\$425,000	\$245,000
Sunny Mediterranean, ms stte, lovely front & back patios. Pat Dedeckin		
5910 AVOCADO AVENUE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....	\$399,500	\$245,000
Italian Mediterranean, master sultry kitchen/fam rm, yard. Chuck Corwin		
4817 CALDERWOOD, RIDGEMONT - 3+BD/2+BA.....	\$389,000	\$245,000
New listing! All level living with breathtaking canyon vistas. Robyn Mohr		
5474 LA SALLE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/3BA.....	\$385,000	\$245,000
New listing! Pied sidetl unique handcarved teak wds. Dee Dee Bonham		
2027 LOS ANGELES, BERKELEY - 4BD/1+BA.....	\$369,000	\$245,000
20's grandeur! Sunroom, gorg LR, bay view, garden. Joanna Gould		
6132 JOHNSTON DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 5BD/3BA.....	\$359,000	\$245,000
Reduced! Level-in, spacious rms, cul-de-sac, near Village. Roselle Woods		
4938 STONERIDGE CT., RIDGEMONT - 3+BD/2+BA.....	\$339,000	\$245,000
Tranquil canyon view, family rm off kitchen, yard, 3-car gar. Robyn Mohr		

## BY APPOINTMENT

SUPERB PIEDMONT ESTATE.....	\$2,450,000	\$309,000
Albert Farr design. 5BD/4+BA, chef's kitchen, fam rm, library, rumpus, elevator, pool, magnificant park-like grds. Joan Haase		
OUTSTANDING PIEDMONT OFFERING.....	\$1,795,000	\$307,000
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Light 2BD/2BA unit with remodeled kitchen & baths. Living rm has pretty tree view, lobby recently remodeled. Claudia Ellinghaus		

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## Arts ...

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prominently displayed, added to the charm of neighborhood walls, chimneys and pillars.

From the rambling Hjul House with its moongate porch poised directly on Alameda's Gold Coast to the stately Greene and Greene

**'Part of the beauty of a house comes in how the transition is made from public to private.'**

—RON MACARTHUR,  
CONTRACTOR

design of Berkeley's Thorsen House to the small bungalows that dot its architectural landscape, the Craftsman style is ubiquitous in the East Bay.

Contractor Ron MacArthur pays homage to this style in a new home on Buckingham Boulevard in the Oakland hills that simply, yet elegantly, distills the essence of the Arts and Crafts movement while making allowances for mod-



The use of untreated wood paneling in the wainscoting of the traditional Craftsman home led to extremely dark interiors. Contractor Ron MacArthur made a conscious choice to use lighter wood at the Buckingham house.

ern construction and its more stringent regulations.

"We wanted to look at the beauty that the students of the Arts and Crafts movement like Gustav Stickley, Bernard Maybeck, Julia Morgan, and the

Greens discovered and then translate their expressions of that beauty into the late 20th century," said MacArthur.

MacArthur researched books and catalogues of the Arts and Crafts movement, toured Crafts-

man-style homes, and decided to take the challenge of combining early 20th-century style with 21st-century amenities and conveniences.

MacArthur's design is, how-

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## Hole ...

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story because she is facing the same sort of thing. She said she's got to clean up her house. She needs to get rid of a lot of things first, then do repairs before she can sell.

She is dreading it. Worse, she sounds pretty embarrassed. I don't know how "bad" her house is, because she doesn't want anyone to see it like it is. I do know that whatever state it is in, it can be dealt with. Houses can be fixed or can be sold without fixing.

The man who had done nothing for 20 years wanted to sell. He asked us what would be the smartest thing to do. We looked the house over and got bids for a new roof and furnace, fireplace and floor repair, painting, cleaning up the yard. Then we estimated what he could sell for without doing

any work and what he might get if he fixed things. He decided to borrow some money, move out, and go ahead with reconstruction — the right decision for him, but not for everyone.

While it is frequently true that the houses that sell quickly and for the highest prices are solid, clean and pretty, it is also true that it may not make sense to fix your house. It may be better, you may come out ahead, by letting the buyer fix it himself. It just depends.

If you are thinking about selling and your house needs work, you'll need to collect information, do some evaluation, think about what path is right for you. Talk to an agent, get some idea about selling prices and the agent's concerns about the condition of your house. Get bids, then consider your objective.

Even if you decide not to replace or paint a single thing, re-

member that if you do sell you will be moving. This means that everything you own will have to be moved, too. You might as well start on that.

You might be able to deal with your belongings yourself — box them and store them, give them away, have a garage sale. If this is too overwhelming, it is possible to hire someone to help. Maybe you already know someone who would be good at this.

If not, and you have the money and time, we know a couple whose business is dealing with personal property. They hold estate sales, they clean out houses, and they are also available to help people go through their things, sort and pack them or take them away and sell them.

We just want you to know that there are many possibilities. Ev-

ery house, every owner is different. Sometimes redoing a house will cost more than it makes sense to spend. Sometimes the owner doesn't have the money or cannot face doing anything.

Whatever your plans, whatever your style, we hope you are not lying awake worrying about house maintenance. It actually takes quite awhile for houses to fall down and die. Just think about the Civil War house vacant for 50 years. No one painted, caulked, washed or did anything at all in all those years and it was still standing upright. So, take heart.

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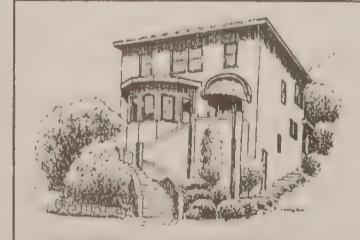
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**Name:** Carolyn Jones

**Title:** Realtor, Mason-McDuffie Piedmont



**Background:** Jones grew up in Berkeley, the third generation to live in the home that her grandfather built in 1909. She attended Holy Names College and San Jose State University.

**Career:** When her three children were in school, Jones herself decided to return to school to study textile arts. For a short time she operated a retail studio on Fourth Street in Berkeley. She still maintains two looms but seldom finds the time nowadays to enjoy them. From textile design, Jones turned to sales in the clothing industry and for several years owned her own distribution company. Following that, she spent seven years as Western Regional Sales Manager for a large importer, responsible for sales development for 22 western states.

Real estate has always been a special interest. Years ago, Jones bought a small house in Berkeley. For that reason and because of her lifelong familiarity with the area, friends turn to her when looking to rent or buy a home. Jones is a sales full-time, says, a natural progression.

**Achievements:** Her most challenging achievement has been raising three children who attended high school and college in the East Bay.

**Special interests:** Jones has always maintained her interest in the arts. She was a docent at Whittier House and has a small

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use of untreated wood paneling in the wainscoting of the Arts and Crafts home led to dark interiors.

Arthur made a conscious choice to use lighter wood at this time. "The brightness of that wainscoting and other decorative features inside the house is of our times and fits our lifestyles. Although the dining room was made a little darker to fit its formality."

MacArthur's skilled use of oak, fir, walnut, maple and rustic hickory in the bedroom is not out of step with a Craftsman home at all.

main aspect of the style was to humanize the home. The client had over the blueprints and locally available materials."

key element of the style is a covered porch, and the home has three functional porches: a porch acts as an entryway or greeting place, a second off dining room can be used to eat outdoors, and one off the master bedroom was traditionally used as a sleeping porch. Porches act as

buffers for light. But the front porch has a special function of adding intimacy to the atmosphere of the home.

"The entry to the home can't be too straight or too straightforward," MacArthur explained. "Otherwise, there's no sense of becoming intimate, of going from being 'out there' to being in your home."

"Part of the beauty of a house comes in how the transition is made from public to private."

"One of the things we did on the front entry was to force you to walk up and then back down steps yielding a sense of arriving that would be missing if the entry were level."

To make the Craftsman houses really charming and inviting, alcoves and nooks were added. "With a new home, there's no sense of living in the space until the furniture is moved in and the decorating is done," said MacArthur. "Everything is transient and temporary."

The architects of the Arts and Crafts movement solved this by using alcoves and nooks, building them in as a part of the house rather than just moving in generic furniture.

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Stained-glass work was done by Kathy Horn and Richard Neumann, who refurbished panels, fashioned newel post lanterns and designed the windows that complement the house.

quarter-inch off each side, we brought some beautiful wood to light."

The trim around the front door, the gates, and some of the trellises is built from 100-year-old redwood from those water tanks.

Stained-glass work was done by Kathy Horn and Richard Neumann, who refurbished panels, fashioned newel post lanterns, a traditional element in an Arts and Crafts home, and designed the windows that complement the house.

Horn designed the entry piece with its oak tree and poppies. Neumann fashioned the down-stairs piece whose frame is curved as an integral part of the stained glass as a tribute to Greene and Greene, the architects of Berkeley's Thorsen House.

The Greenes designed a very famous stained glass piece with intertwining branches and trunks in the Gamble House in Pasadena.

MacArthur's creation took over a year and a half to complete. A speculative house, one built for sale to the public, usually takes 10 months. The finish work alone, including the wainscoting, the trim, and the boxbeams took those 10 months.

Light plays a very special role in the house. The windows over the doorways, called transoms, provide a lot of indirect light. The transoms were taken from the renovated Palace Hotel on Market Street in San Francisco.

A lot of thought went into orienting the home to make maximum use of the light, allowing the sun to light up portions of the house at different times.

As the sun travels across the sky, the stained glass glows, the hallway warms as light falls on every wall. Celestrial windows provide good, beautiful, indirect, north light, the "artist's light."

The house makes sense from a modern point of view, yet has the detail of a home out of the past, from another era.

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NEW PRICE! 3BR, 2BA, partial bay view, 2 car garage. Move-in condition. Near Canyon Trail Park on quiet court. Low maintenance yard. #W33091 Dwight Christopher 510-254-1742

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4BR, 2.5BA, added on family room and wet bar, close to park and tennis, garage, over 1900 sq ft, views of Mt. Tam and S.F. #W33649 John Anderson 510-237-8842

**BAY VIEW FAMILY HOME!.....\$269,000**  
3BR, 2.5BA with rumpus room, excellent street, back yard, living room/dining room combo, 2 car garage, over 2000 sq ft. #W33744 Janelle Chiu 510-235-8579

**KENSINGTON**  
**SECLUDED CONTEMPORARY IN THE WOODS.....\$474,950**  
4BR, 3BA, family room, top quality construction! Canyon view. 2 fireplaces, gourmet kitchen, basement/workshop. #W33207 Carylon Dopp 510-223-6700

**BERKELEY**  
**VICTORIAN GRACE.....\$122,000**  
2BR, 1BA, lots of charm. Pantry off kitchen, yard with garden area. Low down financing at below market rate. NO PMI. #W33005 Dwayne Bartels 510-222-4061

**NORTH BERKELEY FIXER.....\$169,000**  
Tri-level home with 3BR, 2.5BA. Large fenced yard. Den w/fireplace. Walk to BART. #W33830 Jamie Lake 510-765-5960

**RICHMOND VIEW AND ANNEX**  
**NEW INSIDE! VIEW OUTSIDE.....\$119,000**  
Drive by 5770 Clinton and rush to phone! Remodeled, new kitchen, carpets, and lino. S.F. views too! #W33458 Cynthia Burke 510-262-0940

**EXPERIENCE WILDCAT CANYON.....\$159,900**  
Great 3BR, 2BA with 2 car garage, large backyard, updated kitchen, Whirlpool in master bath, quiet cul-de-sac. #W32166 Magany Abbass 510-233-7329

**MOVE IN CONDITION.....\$189,900**  
4 yr old custom home. 3BR, 2BA, close to shopping, transportation. Low maintenance back yard. #W33537 John Anderson 510-237-8842

# Retrofitting: what works in terms of safeguarding your home

Living in earthquake country, tremors are a natural fact of life here. Unfortunately, with each minor rumble, many people become increasingly fearful of their houses, often needlessly.

I've seen people start a series of misguided attempts to reinforce their houses in preparation for the next earthquake, often throwing money away for improvements that will have little benefit.

Many of these improvements are being suggested by contractors with little technical knowledge of appropriate earthquake-resistant design, or by "earthquake inspection" services that have sprung up in the wake of all this paranoia.

Although many inspection services are reputable, for your own peace of mind you may wish to consider the following tips:

1) Relax. If you're living in a wood-frame house, you're already living in the safest possible type of construction. The lightness and flexibility of wood makes it ideal to resist ground movements.

Unless your house is on land fill, on a steep hillside, extremely poorly constructed, or extremely close to the epicenter, your house will probably do relatively well in an earthquake, as did the vast majority of houses in the last big one. However, that's not to say that you shouldn't consider upgrading where possible.

## REMODEL RIGHT



RICHARD MORRISON

3) Get an education. One excellent book to read is *Peace of Mind in Earthquake Country* by Peter Yanev. You'll then be able to discuss the issues knowledgeably with your contractor or engineer.

4) There are a number of simple improvements that you can do yourself that will significantly improve the performance of your house in an earthquake.

For example, adding steel beam connectors at the top of posts in the basement or crawl space are well within the capability of many do-it-yourselfers.

Adding steel straps around your water heater, and bolting tall bookcases to the wall, to prevent them

from falling over in an earthquake are other very simple projects. You might want to consider taking a hands-on course from the Building Education Center in Berkeley for additional instructions (call 525-7610 for additional information).

5) If you're contemplating investing a substantial amount of money in upgrading your house, consider using an independent consultant for advice on where best to put your money. You'll probably get the best advice from a licensed structural engineer who specializes in residential construction.

Remember that if you're getting advice from the person who

is actually going to be doing the work, there is always the possibility that they have a vested interest in seeing you spend as much as possible.

I know of homeowners who have been talked into adding a wood to existing walls, iconoclasts that will do very little to benefit the house.

I've heard of others that had concrete poured over their foundations, not only does this important wood framing will rot out eventually and the building even worse, but adding no significant improvement to the existing foundation, although at greater cost.

See REMODEL, page 24C

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

## OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

6035 WOOD DR, Fab Views, Gardens, Mstr w/Views, 4bd/4+1ba  
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

6076 MAZUELA DR, Pano Bay Views! New 3800 of 4bd/3+ba  
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

6632 LIGGETT, 2 Homes/bd Lot, Will Pay 1st Yr Mortgage, Rare!  
Owner 339-0687 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5

5518 GOLDEN GATE AV, Live in a Work of Art! 5bd/3+ba  
Templeton Company, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133

139 SHERIDAN RD, Upr Rockridge 4bd/3ba, Reduced! Lg Lot, Gdns  
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

11925 SKYLINE BL, New 5bd/3+ba w/Bay Vw, 2 Story, Fenced Yd  
Coldwell Banker, Judy Rankankian 339-1174

6414 SWAINLAND RD, Montclair 4bd/3ba, Ofc, Loft, View, Patios  
By Owner 547-8100 OPEN SUNDAY 11-5

5981 GIRVIN DR, Piedmont Pines New 4+bd/3ba, Elegant, Quality  
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

11905 SKYLINE BL, Top Quality 5bd/4ba New Constr, 4 Car Gar  
Coldwell Banker, Judy Rankankian 339-1174

5410 FERNHOFF RD, Level Remod 4bd/3+ba on 1+ Acre w/Pool  
The GRUBB Company, Kuni Bucholz 339-0400

45 TIFFANY LN, Montclair 5bd/4ba, Frml LR/DR, Lg Mstr Ste, Ofc  
Bay County Development, Mel Copland 530-4602 SUNDAY 12-5

2745 BUTTERS DR, J. Miller 4bd/4+ba, 5000 sf, Cul-de-sac  
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

6331 ACACIA AVE, Rockridge 4/2+bd, Trad, Fam Rm, Lvl Yd & View  
The GRUBB Company, John Karay 339-0400

3719 BRUNELL, Oakland Hills, Grand 4+bd/3+ba Colonial, View  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, J. Resor 869-4243

62 NORTHAMPTON, 4bd/2ba Elegant Spanish Med, Bay Views  
Coldwell Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174

800 LONGRIDGE RD, Crocker, Gracious LR/DR, 4+bd, Pvt Garden  
The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400

9098 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 3+bd/3+ba Custom Blt, View  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Annick da Costa 466-5597

923 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair New 4+2/3+ba 3400sf, Lg Lndscpd Lot  
Owner/Builder 415-588-0156 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

6801 GUNN, Montclair 4bd/3+ba, New Listing! Fam Rm, Level Yd  
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460

7070 WESTMOORLAND, 3bd/2+ba, Sunny Dbl Lot, Fam Rm & Den  
Mason-McDuffie, Margaret Wade 428-0900

4840 PROCTOR AVE, Rockridge, New Tuscan Style 4bd/3+ba w/Vw  
The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

5800 WESTOVER, Pied Pines Sunny New Constr, 3bd/3+ba, Pvt  
Wells & Bennett, Steve Cowan 702-4239

5 CLIPPER HILL, Hiller, Must See! Superb Design & Construction  
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 635-9103

1877 MELVIN, Oakland, Just Listed! 4/3 Trad, Updtd Kitchen  
Coldwell Banker, Norma Robinow 339-1174

5210 PROCTOR, Upr Rockridge, Elegant New 4bd/2+ba  
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicopoulos 339-9780

807 HILLCROFT CIR, Crocker Hghlnd, 4/3, Rec Rm w/Kit, AuPair  
The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400

3299 BRUNELL DR, J. Miller 5+bd/3+ba Rustic Elegance, Make Ofr  
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

140 FLORENCE, Upr Rockridge New 4bd/3+ba, Assumable Loan  
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400

1864 GRANDVIEW, Lovely 3bd/3+ba Twnhm, Lg Mstr w/Frpl  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamerell 339-1174

6923 BRISTOL, \$30K Price Reduction! New 4bd/3+ba, 3500 sq ft  
Coldwell Banker, Pat Wittington 339-1174

5850 PINEWOOD RD, Montclair New 4bd/2+ba, New Listing!  
Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460

6617 LA SALLE AVE, Montclair Remod Charming 4+1 w/AuPair  
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

6363 WESTOVER, Quality Features ThruOut, Spac Mstr Suite  
Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 339-1774

3230 ROBINSON DR, 3bd/2ba, Loft, SF/Bay View, Hot Tub!  
Peter Ralston 530-2990 OPEN SUNDAY NOON-3:30

1078 UNDERHILLS RD, Gracious Crocker 3 Story Traditional, 4bd  
The GRUBB Company, Sherri W. Oakley 339-0400

6158 OCEANVIEW, Upr Rockridge 3+bd/2+ba, Hdws, Valuett  
Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 655-7137

895 ROSEMOUNT RD, Crocker Highlands 4+bd/2+ba, Dramatic  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710

6166 MATHIEU AVE, Upr Rockridge 3bd/3+ba Sunny Med, Patios  
Pacific Union, Pat Dedeckian 339-6460

6514 COLTON, Montclair, Level In 3bd/2ba Trad, Bay Views  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 869-4236

2733 DARBY DR, Pied Pines, Reduced \$1 3/2 w/Cook's Kit, Ofc  
The GRUBB Company, John Karay 339-0400

5910 AVOCADO AVE, Montclair 3bd/2+ba Italian Med, Mstr Suite  
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

6125 ASPINWALL, Montclair, Lovely 4/4 w/2 Fam Rms, 2-Car Gar  
Manhattan Real Estate, Lee Grebmeier 444-5300

4340 TURNER AVE, Chabot Pk Highlands 3bd/3ba, Lvl 1 Ac Lot  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray Pruitt 287-5904

4817 CALDERWOOD, Ridgemont 3+bd/2ba, New Listing! Lvl Living  
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

6329 CHELTON, Dramatic 4bd/3+ba Contemporary in Pied Pines  
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000

6656 HERATHERIDGE WY, Montclair New 3bd/2+ba, Fam Rm, Patio  
Wells & Bennett, David Hennigan 339-0275

5474 LA SALLE, Montclair/Piedmont Side, 3bd/3ba, New Listing!  
Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460

2821 CHELSEA DR, Montclair New Listing! Updtd 4bd/3+ba, 2 Frpl  
The GRUBB Company, John Karay 339-0400

13856 CAMPUS, Ridgemont 3bd/2+ba Contemp, Landscaped, Spa  
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

6401 ZINN, Tri-Level 4+3/4, Cul-de-sac, Sophisticated Contemp  
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfilzer 339-1174

5 HAWKS HILL CT, Hiller Highlands Lovely Upscale 2/2 Twnhm  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamerell 339-1174

6132 JOHNSTON DR, Montclair 5/3, Reduced! Level In/Nr Village  
Pacific Union, Rosella Homes 339-6460

5825 HARBORD DR, Just Listed! Secluded Clarendon 1/3 Ac, 2/2  
Templeton Company, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133

1105 HOLLYWOOD AV, Glenview w/Income Unit, Views, Hdws  
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buly 339-0400

4963 STONERIDGE CT, Ridgemont Decorator Perfect 3bd/2+ba  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, H. Mohr 869-4220

3750 LAKESHORE, Crocker Classic, AuPair w/Sep Entry, 2+Rms  
The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400

6451 COLTON BL, Montclair New Listing! 3bd/2+ba, 1st Open!  
The GRUBB Company, Linda McLean 339-0400

5523 ESTATES DR, Upr Rockridge, Pvt, 3+bd, Hdwd, Rec Rm w/Frpl  
The GRUBB Company, Anian Pettit Tunney/Marcie Nebel 339-0400

6995 PASO ROBLES, Lg Lot, New Kit/Roof/Carpet, Beautiful!  
Wells & Bennett, Frank Henneke 654-6461

906 UNDERHILLS, Trestle Glen, Spacious 3bd/2+ba, Old World Charm  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Mano 644-0808

4938 STONERIDGE CT, 3+bd/2+ba, Tranquill Canyon Vw, Fam Rm  
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

82 STARVIEW, Sophisticated 3bd/2+ba Twnhm, Deco Perfect!  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamerell 339-1174

8135 SKYLINE BL, Montclair 4bd/2+ba, Mstr w/Jacuzzi, 3 Frpl  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Lois Harris 287-2521

5617 MORAGA AVE, Montclair Renovated, 3/2, Very Pvt, Garden  
The GRUBB Company, Anian Pettit Tunney 339-0400

6114 LAWTON, 4bd/2ba Older Home on 6300 sf Lot, SF/Bay View  
Templeton Company, Jan Founger 654-1280 X138 SUNDAY 2-4

6666 PINENEEDLE, Montclair, New Listing! 4bd/3+ba Beauty!  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Crandall 659-4214

5445 ESTATES DR, Upr Rockridge Sparkling/Charming 2+1/2 Cottage  
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400

4946 STONERIDGE CT, 3bd/2+ba, Mstr in Cond., View, Lvl Yd  
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

6547 SARONI DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, First Class! Frml DR, Hdwd  
Better Homes, Hal Castle 339-9778

4903 STONERIDGE CT, 3bd/2+ba, Landscaped, Pvt, Just Listed  
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

526 MIRA VISTA, Remod Br Shingle, 4bd/2+ba, Large Lot  
Wells & Bennett, Donna Conroy 569-0165

6158 BULLARD, Montclair 3+bd/2+ba Contemporary, Sharp!  
Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174

946 SUNNYHILLS RD, Crocker Hghlnd 4bd/3+ba, Fam Rm, Hot Tub \$319,000  
The Prudential Landmark RE, Phil Fair 287-9999

16 ELSTON CT, Glenview 3bd/2+ba, Beautiful Kitchen, Rumpus Rm  
Better Homes, Hal Marcus 339-4000

3664 MONTEREY, Redwd Hts 3bd/1+ba Grand Prairie Style  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, N. Hinkey 482-4088

636 LONGRIDGE, Crocker 4bd/2+ba Needs Updating, Great Loc.  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, P. Cornford 869-4213

6024 BROADWAY, Pristine Tudor, 2+1/2 w/Sep or 3/2 w/Fam Rm  
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 869-5846

5930 MERRIEDOWD, Montclair Sunny Hideaway, 3/2, Hot Tub  
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

13255 CLAIROUPTON, 3bd/2+ba, 1820 sq ft, 3 Car Gar, Nr Transp.  
Sonny Lau, Agent 835-8870

49 HARBORD CT, Upr Rockridge 3bd/3ba Big House/Beautiful St  
\$309,000

2128 BRAEMAR, Upper Oakmore Spacious 2 Story, Hdwd, Lvl Yd  
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

6745 SOBRANO, Montclair 3+bd/2+ba Multi/Lvl, Dk, Mbrl Frpl, Custom Ofc  
\$299,900

6106 BULLARD DR, Montclair, LR w/Frpl, DR Opens to Lg Deck  
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

114 FLORENCE, Upr Rockridge 3+1+, Sunny 2 Story Trad, Roof Dk  
\$299,000

Pacific Union, Joan Hause 339-6460

80 STARVIEW DR, Hiller Hghlnd 3bd/2+ba, Just Listed/Grt Buy  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamerell 339-1174

6925 BALSAM WY, Montclair 3bd/3+ba Unique Custom, Private  
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

93 CLAREWOOD, Upr Rockridge 2+bd/2+ba End Unit  
\$289,000

Better Homes, Sue Williams 339-8400

1916 TIFFIN RD, Oakridge 4bd/2+ba Updtd Contemp, Hdwd, Lvl Yd  
\$289,000

Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

6565 GIRVIN DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba Lovely Contemp, Canyon Vw  
\$289,000

Better Homes 339-4000

4139 GILBERT, Piedmont Ave 3/2 Totally Remodeled, Office  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. Otero 869-4239

5332 BOYD, Rockridge 2bd/1+ba, Romantic Setting  
\$279,000

Better Homes, M. J. McConville 339-0400

223 SANTA ROSA AV, Rose Gdn, 3bd/2+ba, Open Central Staircase  
\$275,000

The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

120 MANDALAY, Upr Rockridge 2bd/1+ba, New Listing! Patio/Yd  
\$275,000

Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

3721 ATLAS, Redwood Hts, Charming 4bd/2+ba Trad, Home Ofc  
Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 339-8400

5918 MARDEN LN, Priced to Sell! 2+1 Sep. 1/1 Suite  
Coldwell Banker, Vicki Faulk 339-1174

667 ARIMO AVE, 3+bd/1+ba, Crocker Hghlnd, Reduced \$16K  
Better Homes, Jeff Hilgen 869-7545

1023 EVERETT, Glenview, Sun-Filled 3bd/1+ba, Huge Kitchen, Gdn  
Mason-McDuffie 339-0290, James Garcia 869-4217

3726 VICTOR AV, Redwd Hts 3+bd/2+ba, Sunny, Fam Rm, Frml DR  
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460

6900 SAYRE, Montclair, 1st Open! Pristine 2bd/1+ba  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jon Dunn 869-4215

1389 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker, Glorious 2bd, Lovely Condition  
Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 287-9599

4344 DETROIT AVE, Immac Redwd Hts Trad, Remod Kit/Bath  
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000

4356 BENNETT PL, Redwd Hts 3+bd/2+ba, Mstr Suite, Rec Room  
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

1381 BARROWS DR, Crocker 2bd/1+ba w/Plus Rm, Exc. Condition  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Gaynell Estes 653-3088

4021 COOLIDGE AVE, 3bd/2+ba, Must

## Real Estate Mailbox

## There's more to Ocean View

interested to read your recent article on Ocean View in the section.

at a barrel of misconceptions! No mention was made of the some minority neighborhood which surrounds this district is indeed part of the larger regional district (known as Ocean in the 1850s). Yes, the bayshore part of the settlement was small, but the greater portion of Ocean View consisted of houses, churches, schools and Victorian workingclass houses.

one of the prime movers in establishing the Delaware Street District in 1980 and a resident of Fifth Street since 1975, I tended that the article gave no credit to the hundreds of hours volunteer energy that were devoted to saving Ocean View by the low-income neighbors in the area, that this whole fancy row of high-priced shops on and around Fourth Street would not have possible without the changes in City policy brought about by action.

It also failed to point out that the Delaware District was part of a larger scheme by the City to construct 62 units of low-income Section 8 housing adjacent to the chic shops and reconstructed Victorians. These 62 units exist there today side by side with the new gentry along Delaware Street.

While it was great to see the old photo of the Sam Heywood House at 814 Delaware, the newer photo (the "after" photo) is a picture of 815 Hearst, a house which was moved around the corner to Delaware and remodeled to look like the Sam Heywood House. The actual Sam Heywood House was demolished by the neglect of a slumlord in the 1960s.

As someone who worked long and hard on saving this neighborhood, I am so pleased to see it lively once more rather than in ruins as it was for so many years. The two things that detract from it are the very things that were glorified in the article — the slick polish (and the partly phoney history) and the exclusive high prices that keep it from being an integral part of the life of most west Berkeleyans.

Stephanie Manning

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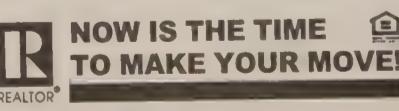
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2100A AVE, Redwood Hts 2bd/1ba, Exc. Location/Condition! \$180,000 Homes, Patricia Bennett 482-9000	825 OXFORD, No. Berkeley 4bd/2ba, New Listing! Plus Rm, View \$435,000 Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460	20 PROSPECT RD, Charming 3bd/2ba Traditional, Nr School/Park \$479,000 The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400
1050 HOPKINS, Upr High 2bd/1ba w/Much Charm, Terrific Buy \$180,000 McDuffie 339-8888, Andy Ng 869-4238	1234 GLEN, Berkeley 3+bd/2ba \$369,000 Coldwell Banker, Lydia Melsen 486-1495	1814 TRESTLE GLEN, Updtd 3bd/2ba Traditional, Hdws \$439,000 Pacific Union, Connie Rogers 339-6460
2100 AV, 2bd/1ba New Listing! Bungalow w/Art Deco Touches \$179,000 Homes, Howard Rockin 339-6460	932 SHATTUCK, Prairie Style 4bd/2ba nr Indian Rock \$369,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174	80 ARROYO, 2+bd/2ba One Level Remodeled Traditional \$419,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Caroline Peters 547-1722
LAUREL, Very Impressive 2bd, Lovely in Every Way! \$179,000 McDuffie 339-9290, Mark D. Cujak 869-4237	2027 LOS ANGELES, 4bd/1+ba, 20's Grandeur Bay Views, Garden \$369,000 The GRUBB Company, Joanna Gould 339-6460	202 LINDA AVE, Exceptional Berkeley Type Crfsmn, 3bd/1+ba \$369,000 Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174
CHAFTER, Temescal, Great 2bd, Remodeled Kitchen \$178,500 McDuffie 339-9290, D. Kelley 869-4259	2739 DERBY, Nw Listing! Spacious Elmwood Duplex, 2/2 Up, 3/2 Dwn \$367,500 J. T. Ward Realtors, Julie Lehman 485-6021	134 EL CERRITO, 2bd/2ba, Lots of Potential, Location! \$295,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rose Jellison 655-4965
JOY, Rockridge Duplex, Just Listed, Rear Cottage, Fixer \$175,000 Old Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174	1138 KIEFTH, 3+bd/2ba, Pano Vistas, Huge Deck \$364,000 Templeton Company, Gini Erick 652-2133 X133	910 KINGSTON, 2bd/1ba Sunny Craftsman, Good Design/Location \$289,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Elisabeth Belle 287-9099
DOVER ST, Temescal, Great 3bd/2ba, Large Rooms \$174,500 Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	430 PANORAMIC, Views! Pvt, Light, Tranquil, 2bd/Den, Walk to UC \$350,000 Owner 415-435-0516 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5	4243 HOWE, Remodeled 2bd Craftsman, Convenient Location \$229,000 Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
TOPKINS, Great Laurel Nohorhd, 2bd, Frml DR, Hdws \$169,500 • Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653	861 CRESTON, Berkeley 3bd/2ba \$329,000 Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495	RICHMOND Open Sunday
EXCELSIOR AVE, Glenview 3+bd/1ba, 2 Story, Pvt, A Steal! \$165,000 Homes, Hal Castle 339-9778	912 REGAL, 2bd/1ba \$319,000 Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495	3510 HUMPHREY AVE, 3bd/2ba, Remod Kitchen, Hdws \$149,900 Century 21 Sets Group, Carolyn Sells 223-1201 OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4
VIEW, N. Oakland 2+bd/1ba, Wonderful Kitchen, Lg Loft \$163,000 McDuffie 339-8888, D. A. Hammond 869-4219	1527 JOSEPHINE, 4+bd/2ba \$315,000 Coldwell Banker, Mahmood Makhtari 486-1495	SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday
DOVER ST, Temescal, Great 3bd/2ba, Large Rooms \$174,500 Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	1915 OREGON, Extended Families- Three 2bd Hses on 1 Lot \$310,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X143 OPEN SUNDAY 3-5	1050 DUTTON, 3bd/2ba, Former Dutton Estates Showplace \$257,000 Better Homes, Sherdella Sims 569-5603 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
TOPKINS, Great Laurel Nohorhd, 2bd, Frml DR, Hdws \$169,500 • Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653	1715 HOPKINS, Lovely Spacious 4bd/1ba Fam Hm, Fab Nbrhbd \$289,500 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X138 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	2011 PACIFIC, 5bd/2ba, Remod Kitchen, Hdws \$219,000 Gadsby & Associates, Millie Lum 521-6300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
5TH AV, Redwood Hts, 3/1 Clean as a Whistel Updtd Kitchen \$162,500 Old Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174	1611 CALIFORNIA, 2bd/1ba \$234,000 Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495	114 GEORGIA WAY, 2+bd/1ba New Listing! Masterful Rehab \$169,000 Better Homes, Earle Shenk 638-3306 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
EVERETT AVE, Glenview 2bd/1+ba Condo, Reduced to Sell! \$162,500 Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460	1317 PERALTA, 2bd/1ba \$232,000 Coldwell Banker, Heidi Long 486-1495	443 E. MERLE CT, 2bd \$157,900 Gadsby & Associates, Margaret Gadsby 748-5305 SUNDAY 2-4:30
MADELINE ST, Laurel 2bd/1ba Sunny Bungalow, Updtd Kit \$159,000 Union, V. Woodhead 339-6460	1479 HOPKINS, 2bd/1ba, Cross St Sacramento, FHA \$219,950 Agent 415-461-3000 X208 OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4:30	THE RIGHT TIME TO BUY YOUR HOME IS NOW!
1ST ST, Temescal 2bd/1ba, Very Clean, Termite Clear \$159,000 Prudential Landmark RE, Tim Marini 287-9999	2931 REGENT, Berkeley Duplex \$215,000 Coldwell Banker, Chris Rohr 486-1495	1120 7TH ST, Spectacular New Loft, Bay Views, Work/Live \$195,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X124 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
LAUREL AV, Sunkissed Med w/Hdws & Lg Kit, 2/1 "As Is" \$149,000 McDuffie, Michelle Vasey 428-0900	1567 ROSE, Berkeley 2bd/1ba \$209,000 Coldwell Banker, Darrell Hoe 486-1495	641 NEILSON, 2bd/1ba \$185,000 Coldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495
DOTHILL BL, New China Hm 2bd/1ba, Pedro 482-0799 \$140,000	1717 LA LOMA #2, Best 2bd Penthouse, 2 Blocks to UC \$179,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X131 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	641 NEILSON, 2bd/1ba \$179,000 Coldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495
5TH AVE, Laurel 3bd/1ba, 6 yrs Young, Won't Last! \$139,000 Homes, StevenJung 339-4000	2315 VALLEY, Wonderful Cottage 2bd/1ba on Cul-de-sac \$179,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	1717 DWIGHT, Berkeley 2bd/1ba \$170,000 Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495
8 E 29th ST, Lg Duplex, 2 1bd Units, Can be 3bd Single Fam \$136,500 lyn Gee Real Estate 530-1600 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4	2129 5TH, New Loft, 1bd + Loft Space, Light & Spacious \$167,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X124 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	2729 WALLACE ST, Just Listed! Spacious 2+bd Crfsmn w/Bsmt \$159,900 Thornhill Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 OPEN SUN 2-4
BUENA VENTURA, Milsmont New Listing! 2/1, Bay View \$135,000 McDuffie 339-9290, Rex Thomas 869-4245	2029 CHANNING, New Stylish 1 & 2bd City Homes, nr UC, BART \$143,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 to \$169,000	1627 CORNELL, New Listing! 2+bd/1ba, Enchanting! \$139,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
STEELIE, Upr High 3bd/1ba Small Fixer, Frpl, Gd Neighbrhd \$134,500 Jeff 482-3863	1534 ASHBY, 2bd/1ba Great Craftsman! Price Reduced! \$139,000 Mason-McDuffie, Hennette Green 834-2010	1534 ASHBY, 2bd/1ba Great Craftsman! Price Reduced! \$139,000 Mason-McDuffie, Hennette Green 834-2010
VERNON #210, Sunny Lg 2bd/2ba Condo w/New Kit, Quiet \$134,500 • Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846	2110 7TH ST, 1bd Victorian Dollhouse Fixer, Lg Kit/Frml DR, Lg Lot \$129,950 Marvin Gardens, R.E. Laura Arriola 287-8750 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	11050 DUTTON, 3bd/2ba, Former Dutton Estates Showplace \$257,000 Better Homes, Sherdella Sims 569-5603 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
27TH ST, 3bd/1ba Great Starter nr Emeryville \$125,000 McDuffie, Henriette Green 834-2010	1627 CORNELL, New Listing! 2+bd/1ba, Enchanting! \$139,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	2011 PACIFIC, 5bd/2ba, Remod Kitchen, Hdws \$219,000 Gadsby & Associates, Millie Lum 521-6300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
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5TH ST, Below Rockridge 2/1, Lg Bsmnt, Must Sell/Make Offer \$118,000 or 547-0673 OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2-5	2729 WALLACE ST, Just Listed! Spacious 2+bd Crfsmn w/Bsmt \$159,900 Thornhill Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 OPEN SUN 2-4	THE RIGHT TIME TO BUY YOUR HOME IS NOW!
FAIR ST, Cute 2bd/1ba Victorian Cottage \$79,000 McDuffie 428-0900, Cecilia Shinn 869-2325	2029 CHANNING, New Stylish 1 & 2bd City Homes, nr UC, BART \$143,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X110 to \$169,000	Start your search today and make the move you've always wanted.
CHETWOOD #307, Rose Garden 1bd Condo, Pano Bay View \$80,000 McDuffie 339-9290, May Dresser 869-4224	1534 ASHBY, 2bd/1ba Great Craftsman! Price Reduced! \$139,000 Mason-McDuffie, Hennette Green 834-2010	• Interest rates are stable and affordable.
25TH AVE, Crisp & Clean 2bd/1ba Starter, 1st Time Open \$79,950 Homes, Andie Weyl 339-8400	11050 DUTTON, 3bd/2ba, Former Dutton Estates Showplace \$257,000 Better Homes, Sherdella Sims 569-5603 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30	• There's an outstanding selection of new and used homes in all price ranges to choose from.
ORANGE #210, Adams Pt 1bd, 957 sq ft, Nr Lake/Shops \$71,500 McDuffie 834-2010, Susan Casqueiro 286-7571	2011 PACIFIC, 5bd/2ba, Remod Kitchen, Hdws \$219,000 Gadsby & Associates, Millie Lum 521-6300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30	• It's a terrific market.
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ENNISMORE CT, 3bd/2ba Great Single Lvl in Harbor Bay \$289,000 McDuffie 428-0900, Cecilia Shinn 869-2325 OPEN SUN 2-4:30	4979 HENSON PL, 4+bd/3ba on 1/2 Acre, Pool, Spa \$549,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR MOVE!
FAIRVIEW AVE, Charming Fernside Area, 2/1 Med Bungalow \$219,000 Old Banker, Kevin McMullen 339-1174 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30	4971 HENSON PL, Custom 4bd/3ba, 3 Car Garage \$490,000 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X117 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
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## 409 Childcare Wanted

TEMPORARY babysitter needed for 6 month old infant. Rockridge Start immediately! 1 month experience, references, non-smoker, English speaking. Own transportation. \$55/27 hr.

AFTERSCHOOL childcare, children 11-7 years Monday-Friday, 2-6 pm. Must have car, be able to help with homework. Crocker Highlands. Start late August, early September. 272-9262

PIEDMONT mom needs 20-25 hours live-out childcare/ (every) light housekeeping for 2 children. Excellent English, non-smoking. 510-654-6491.

FULL-TIME for infant and 3 year old (boys) Must work legally, have car. Kensington 526-5976

AU PAIR/ nanny, live-in, 1 infant, Monday-Friday, 60 hours/ week. 3 local references. Experienced with infants, non-smoker, CDA, clean DMV, fluent English. Large sunny house, Montclair hills. 2 cats. Own bedroom and bath; separate level, great view, private entrance. \$33-6353

LIVE-IN Nanny, Glenview 3 year old boy. Part-time, 25-40 hours Monday through Friday, before/ after preschool, evenings. Experienced, own car, excellent English, non-smoker, green card. 531-2105

LOVING, mature babysitter to watch toddler and 5 year old (pickup after school). Own car. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at my El Cerrito Home beginning end of August. Call Carol, 234-7230.

NEEDED caring, loving nanny for our 2 girls Monday-Thursday, 6-5:30, Piedmont area. Able to cook, drive and share your heart. (510)928-3599, leave message

NANNY, live-out, full-time, for 9 and 5 year old, North Berkeley. Mature, loving, energetic, bright, flexible English speaking. CDA. (510)524-4936.

## 410 Shared Childcare

ATTICUS, 18 months, is looking for full/part-time au pair. Walker, music, reading circle, equipment in upper Glenview home with excellent babysitter. Babysitter is university educated, English speaker, safe driver. Call Zoe 531-9316.

SHARE wonderful caregiver with 7 month old girl, Monday-Friday, full-time/ part-time. Flexible hours. 839-7012.

We have wonderful nanny, full-time share. Girl 14 months, boy 2 1/2 in preschool 3 days. Laurel, Montclair, Redwood Heights 531-7760.

## 411 Childcare - Licensed

OVER Rainbow Daycare. Loving, lightly structured pre-school activities, cuttings. Credentialed teacher, Deborah, 339-2066. License #010208900

CHILDCARE Skyline area, 16 months- up. Outside activities, lunch. Unique environment, Montessori trained 530-6830 #010206795

TENDER Touch Preschool. 7:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Days/ evenings, weekends. Pre-curriculum, music lessons, self defense, Spanish multicultural #013410067 526-0765

## 412 Babysitting Offered

CHILDCARE 4 years experience working with twins. Available August. CDA trained. Excellent references. Florence 704-8446

LOVING, energetic babysitting. Years/ experience, references. Seeking full-time position caring for infants/toddlers CDA. Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito areas. 526-8005.

GREAT nanny available full-time/ part-time. At least 30 hours a week. Experience in shared childcare. Has car/ references. Call 536-6898

AU PAIR available. Japanese female student, will help with light housework, 20 hours per week in exchange for room and board. (415)588-5183

OUR wonderful sitter available Thursday and Friday. Share okay. Call Karen or Mike 547-0306

LOVING childcare/ housekeeping. In your home. Weekdays evenings and weekends. References own car. 483-5401

EXPERIENCED nanny, all ages. Preschool trained. Mature, excellent references. Live-in/ live-out. 547-6763

## 413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408

## ABLE CARE INC.

Personal, quality 24 hour home care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your own home. Bonded and insured. 510-685-4704.

## A CARING CONNECTION

Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076

ELDERLY Care given. Loving care. Personal, bathing, meals, etc. by the hour/ as needed. 523-4153.

## FINANCIAL

502 Business Opportunities & Services

## IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?

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## Free the Cain 5

Chris Howell is an intense kind of guy. His thin wispy blonde hair goes every which way on his sallow complexioned balding pate, and he rarely breaks a smile while telling the visitor how difficult it's become since the wine geeks have discovered his wine.

One would think he's loving all of this new-found attention since his signature wine — the fabulously well-made and delicious Cain 5 — broke big a couple of years ago. But Howell is quick to tell you from high atop Spring Mountain above the Napa Valley floor, how the intensity level has been turned up a few clicks.

"I feel a helluva lot of pressure to continue to make the wines we have ... I'm scared. There are things I can't control," he tells me one glorious spring morning in the sumptuously appointed dining room at Cain Vineyards.

It's a couple of hours before the heavy hitters begin tossing their money around at the Napa Auction. A couple of lots involving Cain wines will bring \$15,000 later that afternoon. But Howell and his wife, Sandra, drive me over the steep 542 mountainside acres with picture book vineyards and views to die for in every direction.

Cain just completed its 10th harvest. But it wasn't until about 1991, after the original owners whose namesake the winery still carries, left the business, that this small but prestigious winery began to flourish.

Taking his cues from the French — Howell apprenticed at Chateau Mouton-Rothschild, one of the world's greatest estates — Howell very early on, began to vint his wines in the Bordeaux manner.

That is, he took the very best grapes from Cain's 84 acres of hillside vineyards (which have some of the oldest soils in the valley) at elevations of 2,000 feet, and which are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petite Verdot. The assemblage has become known as Cain 5.

It is a great wine, of powerful but elegant proportions. The blend for the 1991 Cain 5 for instance, breaks down to 60 percent Cabernet, 19 percent Merlot, 14 percent Cab Franc, 4 percent Malbec, and 3 percent Verdot. The numbers vary with the vintage, of course, but these figures do not deviate much.

It is a mark of consistency which suits Howell and his winemaking philosophy.

As example, he bristles when Cain is described as a Bordeaux-like property, although in most every way, it is.

"This place is not modeled on Bordeaux," he's quick to respond. "The truth is, that it is

the people (in the vineyards, the winemaker) which make all the difference. The role of the human being is what makes a great estate."

"It would be a cliché for us to get trapped like that (to be considered as a Bordelais.)"

Howell absolutely eschews all modern amenities and equipment in his winemaking techniques, though one gets the impression — from the smart and elegant chateau-like guesthouse, to the tastefully constructed winery — that this is the headquarters of a business concern well fortified for the *fin de siècle*.

"As part of the new generation of winemakers (we have to) deconstruct the machinery," Howell insists. "(We have to) hand-pick, hand-pump over (the method of circulating fermenting red wine with the grape skins). State of the art equipment is irrelevant." Howell is producing only 5-6,000 cases of Cain 5 a year (the winery makes a total of about 15,000 cases of another red and a small amount of Monterey Sauvignon Blanc). Cain 5 sells for about \$40 a bottle.

I fell in love with the '92 and '93 Cain 5s from barrel (the latter was tasted last February). The wines linger about 20 months in two-thirds new French oak, one-third two-year-old French wood, and remain in the bottle for two years before release. The '92 won't be released until next year.

I tasted the '93 again on my visit and found it to possess dark purple and violet color. It is somewhat herbaceous at this stage, with some juicy blackberry, chocolate and great depth of flavor.

The very young '94, of course from barrel, has a mineral quality in the aroma but has bright, magnificently extracted cassia; it is medium-bodied and elegant. The '94 will prove to be a great vintage and this Cain 5 will develop into one of the best California wines in a long while.

Nevertheless, with those accolades, Chris Howell will continue to fret.

"I'm worried about the next generation when we discover our identity," he offers.

Cain 5 may sound as if it's a group of '60s political activists or maybe a rock band, but though he'll deny it, Chris Howell and Cain Vineyards, know exactly who and what they are.

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## Sailing

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back together until the winter of 1994 and were married less than a year later.

But a month after the wedding, the America's coaches called her to say the door was still open. "I just got bitten," she said. So she jumped on board with just one month to train before the preliminary races started.

Amazingly, she had only sailed about 10 times in her life. "I was still trying to figure out windward from leeward," she said.

But there is a tradition of recruiting rowers for the grinder position on sailing teams, she said. The grinder turns handles that control the sails, a "beast of burden" position, according to Seaton.

Seaton clearly had what it takes to compete in a world-class sporting event. She had earned a bronze medal in women's pair rowing in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, as well as 14 national championships and four world silver medals.

Like Seaton, many of the 28 women on America's were fairly new to sailing; some had sailed on 30-foot boats, but only one had sailed on the "huge, unwieldy war-machines," as Seaton described the 70-foot high-tech race boats.

The women's team was doing better than expected in preliminary races, but it wasn't on a course for winning, said Seaton. So the management decided to add the tactician — or the maneuvering brain — from the 1992 America's team to the current team. The only problem was the tactician was a man, David Dellenbaugh. But the media and the public were more disturbed than the women on the team, said Seaton.

"We had so much on our minds. We had to race every day" for six months, she said. Plus, most of the women were under 30 and didn't seem to consider themselves feminists. Seaton, 31, said she struggled with the replacement for a while.

"At first I felt, let us lose on our own. Then I thought, if 15 women and one man cross the finish line

first, that's way better than 16 women crossing last," she said, laughing.

It helped that Dellenbaugh was a nice guy, "gentle" with "no swagger," said Seaton. "Of all the people on the planet to put in that situation, they probably picked the best one."

Seaton's vision of 15 women and one man almost came through. The day of the final race the America's team was leading after the fifth of six laps. But in the final lap the wind shifted, said Seaton, favoring Conner's boat. He closed the gap in a matter of minutes. "It was just horrible," she said.

Seaton's athletic career started with swimming competitively as a kid. When she burnt out on swimming, she got into rowing while attending Harvard University. After graduating with a degree in English, she stayed in Boston to train with the U. S. National Rowing Team and worked at odd jobs: bike messenger, carpenter's apprentice, freelance journalist. She also

worked for the Special Olympics competition for mentally disabled athletes, and helped start a city rowing program.

Approaching 30, Seaton left from rowing and went to the University for a master's in journalism. "It was great," she said of journalism so whole identity was wrapped up in rowing. It was good to be something else."

Seaton wrote stories for the York Times and Glamour magazine while on the America's team and continues to write now. She doesn't compete in the America's team, she said. "Once was enough," she said. "I feel like I've lived the compassing training down."

The nice thing she does is that she knows enough about sailing to join her husband on his wooden Danish folk boat. "I'm not really a sailor myself, but my husband has a sailing life and covered two America's Cup as a reporter."

"We didn't drive Hart for a day and I'm wearing a cap — that's not like the others. We're going to have our own chapter of history in 1995," he said.

**Nothing new for Hart**

Nolan Harrison, a competitive swimmer who sports a Rodman gold-headed cane, is great stock in playing in the receptive home crowd.

"Teams that have great support always can at the down two or three victories, and just that 12th man along with a certain amount of intensity and disruption that a great team can do."

Harrison explained the difference he expects between El Segundo and Oakland as far as family oriented.

"There's a difference in having a bad house and a bad idiotic house. I want to be screaming and yelling and going crazy, but at the same time, I don't want to have riot control. We were having in the (Los Angeles) scene either."

or leaving early in the fourth quarter — not here.

"We won a lot of games in the fourth quarter. Having those hometown fans helps you end those tough home games in the fourth quarter and be able to pull out a game."

Don Mosebar, the current center, never got to play as an Oakland Raider. He joined the team as a rookie in the 1983-84 season and was part of the Super Bowl-winning team that season.

Mosebar is hoping the local community is as supportive as he remembers in the one game he appeared in here.

"I played here in 1989 (in the Raiders' pre-season game against the Oilers) and there was more of an audience here," said Mosebar. "I think we'll be more of a focus for this community. Down there we were just a little spoke in the wheel. You'll never see bumper stickers in L.A. saying 'come back.'"

Steve Wisniewski, the Raiders' All-Pro guard, cleared his lungs on the trip north.

"It's like a breath of fresh air," he said. "We're just delighted and the team unanimously is delighted

about it.

"We had good fans in Los Angeles, but we never really felt part of the community. We're looking to get into Oakland, bust our butts and give them a team they can be proud of."

Wisniewski extolled the family values he personally would like to see on the part of the team and the town.

"We want to have a fun and festive atmosphere at games. Something you can bring the family out to, pack the stadium, tailgate, have fun and watch the Raiders win a game. Players in turn can get involved in the community. That's something we've lacked in Los Angeles, something I've missed. I'm looking forward to moving my whole family up here year round."

As it stands the team would practice in El Segundo and fly up for home games. Sort of a latch-key team.

If fans are hoping this incarnation of the Oakland Raiders will get a lot of misfits from around the league and put them together like the Raiders of old, Wisniewski said they can forget it.



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